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TO : Department of State

INFO : IBADAN, KAMPALA, KADUNA, LONDON, DIA, CINCSRIKE/CINCMCAFSA

FROM : Amembassy IAGOS

DATE: June 6, 1968

SUBJECT : Nigerian Delegation Member Comments on
Kampala Peace Talks

REF :

The Director of U.S. AID in Nigeria, Mr. Michael Adler, on June 4 called on Mr. Omo-Bare, Federal Commissioner for Rehabilitation, to discuss relief problems. Mr. Omo-Bare had just returned from Kampala, where he had been an alternate member and adviser of the Nigerian delegation. Presumably he had been included in the delegation because, as a Mid-Westerner and former Deputy Inspector General of Police, he had known and worked with many Ibos in pre-war days and probably hoped to be able to re-establish personal relations with some members of the "Biafran" delegation.

The enclosed Memorandum of Conversation indicates that Omo-Bare, who is an administrator concerned about practical relief and rehabilitation problems, was quite disenchanted with the speechmaking at Kampala. He was also disappointed that Sir Louis Mbanefo would not chat with him informally.

Other and higher-ranking members of the Nigerian delegation did, however, succeed in talking with Mbanefo and other "Biafrans" privately and unofficially. We understand that on those occasions, and before Ojukwu's peremptory instructions to break off talks were received, some of the "Biafrans" such as Dr. Eni Njoku privately indicated some flexibility and willingness to negotiate.

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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June 4, 1968

Subj.: Vehicles released to the Red Cross and other relief and reconstruction matters.

Part.: Commissioner Timothy Omo-Bare, National Rehabilitation Unit,
Federal Government of Nigeria
Mr. Michael H.B. Adler, Director USAID/Nigeria

Dist.: Chargé d'Affaires, Clinton Olson, American Embassy
Central Files

I called on Commissioner Omo-Bare this morning to obtain his signature for the last four of the nine Grant-In-Aid vehicles which were handed over to the Red Cross during his absence in Kampala and also to discuss with him certain other pending relief and reconstruction matters.

During the course of our conversation I asked Commissioner Omo-Bare about the events in Kampala and also to discuss with him certain other pending relief and reconstruction matters.

During the course of our conversation I asked Commissioner Omo-Bare about the events in Kampala. He said that the discussions had been most unfortunate from almost every point of view. Two days had been wasted in arguments over a chairman and an observer and that the actual Conference sessions were for the most part very formal consisting of each side "making speeches" to each other rather than "getting down to serious negotiations." He said that he had made several attempts to approach Sir Louis Mbanefo personally in an effort to chat with him informally but that Mbanefo would have nothing to do with him or any other member of the Delegation except during the course of the formal discussions.

He reported that Arnold Smith had produced a three-page document consisting of a two-page formula and a one-page summary. Apparently much time was spent in discussing Smith's paper within the FMG contingent and that finally he and others were able to convince the group that despite certain inconsistencies between the summary and the formula that the paper did provide at least some basis for discussion with the Biafrans. These discussions did not take place because, according to Omo-Bare, Mbanefo and the Biafran Delegation rejected Smith's formula outright.

On the question of Johnson Banjo, Omo-Bare reported he disappeared on the morning of the opening session. He said that Banjo had been left behind on the 14th floor of the hotel in a room which was used as a Secretariat of the FMG Delegation to complete the typing of Enahoro's opening statement. The

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security personnel on duty at the hotel saw Banjo walk out of his room alone. Omo-Bare stated that Banjo had received a telephone call which was traced to a private number in Kampala of an Israeli citizen who had been involved in a project in Ibadan. Omo-Bare stated he understood the Israeli denied having had a telephone conversation with Banjo. He also stated that on the previous evening Banjo had been observed in the company of two girls. Omo-Bare said the Banjo case was truly a mystery and he did not appear to have any theory as to just what happened. However, he did mention at another point in the conversation that he and other members of the FMG contingent did not go out at night after the disappearance of Banjo.

Comment: Omo-Bare appeared to be genuinely disappointed especially at his own failure to make any informal-personal contact with any member on the Biafran Delegation. He said at one point that he felt that Mbanefo and possibly others might have been willing to "talk sense" but that they were under explicit orders from Ojukwu which prevented them from doing so. He said that unless Ojukwu "was bumped off" or that some strong Biafran military person took over, he could see little hope other than continuing a military push into Biafra. He said twice that he felt that the situation in Biafra must be desperate and getting progressively worse, people were crowding into the Owerri area which he described as traditionally one of the most densely populated areas of the East.

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TO : Department of State

INFO : IBADAN, KADUNA, KAMPALA, LONDON

FROM : Amembassy LAGOS

DATE: May 16, 1968

SUBJECT: Open Letter from Amachree, Chairman
Rivers Peoples Congress

REF :

Enclosed is the text of a mimeographed letter dated May 1, 1968, which was mailed to the Embassy. Generous extracts and summations of the letter appeared in the May 11 edition of the New Nigerian.

Mr. Godfrey R. T. Amachree signed the letter on behalf of the Rivers Peoples Congress. The Congress is a grouping of representatives of diverse tribes from the new Rivers State who presently reside in Lagos. According to an informed Rivers man, the letter has the approval of the leaders of the Congress.

Mr. Amachree is a former Solicitor-General of the Federal Government of Nigeria and a Permanent Secretary in the civil service. For several years, he was in the United Nations Secretariat in New York as Under-Secretary for Trusteeship Affairs. Now he is a leading lawyer and businessman with his own firm in Lagos.

The letter is another indication of the concern of many Rivers people to emphasize their separate identity from the Ibos and to divorce themselves from the rebels. Mr. Amachree first notes the old desire of the people of the Niger Delta area to have their own state. He implies that the Ibos were domineering in the former Eastern Region and that the only way to protect the rights of the minority tribes is to create separate states. He asserts that the rebels are the Ibos and that the minority tribes are suffering under the secessionist leader, Colonel Ojukwu.

Enclosure:
"Appeal to World Leaders by the People of Rivers State in the Federal Republic of Nigeria"

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1. NEW NIGERIAN REPORTED MARCH 19 THAT
EX-PRESIDENT AZIKIWE HAD VISITED PRESIDENT
NYERERE BRIEFLY OVER WEEKEND TO PLEAD REBEL
CAUSE. THIS CONTRADICTS DAILY TIMES ARTICLE
OF SAME DATE WHICH REPORTED THAT NO MEETING
HAD BEEN ARRANGED AS OF MARCH 18. NEW NIGERIAN
ARTICLE ADDED THAT TANZANIA HAS EXPRESSED SYMPATHY
FOR REBELS AND THAT QTE TANZANIA'S GOVERNMENT PARTY
ORGAN THE NATIONALIST UNQTE SAID LAST WEEK THAT TIME
MIGHT BE COMING FOR OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS TO MAKE
POSITIVE GESTURES TOWARD REBELS.

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2. IN FOLLOW-UP FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL ON MARCH 20,
NEW NIGERIAN WARNS READERS NOT TO DEVELOP PARANOID
ATTITUDE TOWARD AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS WHOSE ACTIVITIES
APPEAR INIMICAL TO NIGERIAN INTEGRITY. HOSTILE AFRICANS
IN NO POSITION TO HARM NIGERIA. IN VIEW
OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF MOST AFRICAN STATES
NIGERIA NEED NOT CONCERN ITSELF WITH
QTE MEDDLERS IN EAST AFRICA UNQTE, AND
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ARMY	CIA	NAVY	REF :		<p>The <u>Daily Times</u> of December 15 reported a conversation between Gowon and Cecil King, Chairman of the International Publishing Corp. of Britain and of the Times Group in Nigeria. King told Gowon that Sir Louis Mbanefo and Prof. Eni Njoku got in touch with him in London some time ago soliciting his help in effecting an amicable settlement. King said "They say they are not insisting on secession; they want conciliation talks with Nigeria."</p> <p>Shortly after the <u>Times</u> article appeared Radio Biafra reported that Sir Louis said he had not been correctly quoted, that, on the contrary, the burden of his conversation with King was that the basis for continued association of Biafra with Nigeria no longer existed.</p> <p>Officers in the UK High Commission, in checking with King, have learned that he was accurately quoted by the <u>Times</u>; that in fact he approved the copy before the story was run.</p> <p>Comment: It remains an open question whether these two prominent Ibos believe there is room for discussion within the framework of one Nigeria, or whether the truth has been bent a bit to please the hearers?</p>	
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OF INFORMATION DISTRIBUTED AT AYIDA PRESS BACKGROUNDER JULY 10:
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1. ATTENTION OF FMG HAS BEEN DRAWN TO STATEMENT CREDITED TO
BRITISH MINISTER OF STATE - MR. GEORGE THOMAS - TO EFFECT THAT
EXTENSION OF CURRENT BLOCKADE OF PORTS OF THE SOUTH EASTERN AND

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RIVERS STATES TO INCLUDE OIL TANKERS IS WRONG IN INTERNATIONAL LAW.
THE FMG REJECTS ANY SUCH SUGGESTION. MR. THOMAS WAS CLEARLY
TOLD THAT THE ACTION OF THE FMG WAS NOT ONLY VALID IN INTERNATIONAL
LAW BUT ALSO FLOWED FROM THE CONTRACTS EXISTING BETWEEN THE FMG AND
OIL COMPANIES

2. INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED IN LAGOS JUNE 30 FROM EMISSARIES OF
BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO EFFECT THAT SHELL-BP INTENDED MAKE A SO-
CALLED TOKEN PAYMENT TO INSURGENTS IN PORT HARCOURT AREA. THE
EXCUSE PLEADED WAS THAT INSURGENTS WERE IN POSITION TO THREATEN
OIL INSTALLATIONS IN AREA. SHELL-BP THUS TRIED IGNORE THE FMG-S
EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF TERRITORIAL WATERS AND OIL PORTS. THE TOKEN
PAYMENT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO EXISTING CONTRACTS BETWEEN COMPANY
AND FMG. PAYMENTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FMG AND SHELL-
BP ARE NORMALLY MADE TOWARDS END OF JULY. ANNOUNCED INTENTION OF
SHELL-BP GROUP ON EVE OF JULY 1 WAS THEREFORE ILL-TIMED AND
UNFORTUNATE. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND OIL COMPANIES HAD BEEN
WARNED WELL IN ADVANCE BY THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT THAT IF ANY
PAYMENT WAS MADE TO INSURGENTS THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE
NO ALTERNATIVE BUT EXTEND BLOCKADE TO OIL TANKERS TEMPORARILY.

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3. THE POSITION OF THE FMG HAS BEEN FULLY EXPLAINED TO MR. THOMAS AND BRITISH GOVERNMENT. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO BEEN URGED TO RESPECT RIGHT OF THE FMG TAKE ADEQUATE MEASURES SAFEGUARD NIGERIAN INTERESTS AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. THE FMG IS IN PROCESS OF CRUSHING INSURRECTION LED BY OAUKWU AND HAS EVERY RIGHT UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW REGARD ANY ASSISTANCE TO REBELS AS INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF NIGERIA. THE FMG WILL THEREFORE NOT TOLERATE PAYMENT OF ANY MONEY TO REBELS AS THAT WILL ONLY STRENGTHEN THEIR ABILITY TO CONTINUE THEIR REBELLION.

4. THE GOVERNMENT IS REFRAINING FROM MAKING FULL STATEMENT BECAUSE OF CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF SITUATION BETWEEN THE FMG AND BRITISH GOVERNMENT.
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1. NIGERIAN EMPLOYEE OF REUTERS (PROTECT) WHO REPORTING FROM EAST VIA ASABA, TELEPHONED FROM ASABLA THIS MORNING (JULY 9) THAT B-26 FLEW TWO STRAFING MISSIONS SOMEWHERE ALONG EAST-NORTH BORDER YESTERDAY MORNING. SOURCE HIS INFO WAS BIAFRAN ARMY OFFICERS.

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SUBJECT: " WAR PLANES" FOR EASTERN NIGERIA

1. PERM SEC EXT AFF AGBU TODAY SHOWED AMBASSADOR TELEGRAM FROM NIGERIAN EMBASSY YAOUNDE WHICH REPORTED FOLLOWING.

2. US CITIZEN HAROLD HAGGARD, PILOT BORN OCTOBER 5, 1930

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ARRIVED DOUALA JULY 4 EXPECTING GO ENUGU. BUT HE JOINED BY EASTERN NIGERIAN NAMED FRANK STEVEN OKOLL ONYEKWENA AND TWO LEFT DOUALA JULY 5 FOR NEW YORK TO "ACQUIRE WAR PLANES".

3. APPRECIATE ANY INFO AVAILABLE IN US OR CAMEROON RE HAGGARD'S ACTIVITIES.
GP-3 MATHEWS

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AID ESCORT PROVIDED BY GOEN. THEY ARE TRAVELING IN OWN CARS
PC WHICH WILL BE FERRIED TO ASAB-. BELIEVE THIS MAY PROVIDE
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1. LAGOS STATE GOVERNOR LT. COL. JOHNSON IN RADIO SPEECH JULY 7 SAID "ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE" FOR ALL LAGOS RESIDENTS FROM "EAST-CENTRAL STATE" (READ IBOS) TO REGISTER THEIR NAMES AND ANY PARTICULARS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED AT LAGOS WARDS TO "COMBINED TEAM OF SECURITY FORCES AND CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE". FULL SPEECH REPORTED IN FBIS N072040 JULY 7.

2. MAJOR POINT OF JOHNSON SPEECH WAS CALL FOR VIGILANCE. RECENT BOMB EXPLOSIONS IN LAGOS WHICH ATTRIBUTED TO IBOS, HAVE CAUSED PUBLIC "BITTERNESS" AGAINST IBOS GENERALLY. JOHNSON TRIED TO COUNTERACT THIS BY EMPHASIZING THAT "GOOD NUMBER OF THESE PEOPLE (IBOS) IN LAGOS ARE INNOCENT" AND LOYAL TO FMG AND "IT IS ONLY FAIR" THAT THEY BE ALLOWED TO "GO ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS UNMOLESTED SO LONG AS THEY ABIDE BY LAW AND ARE NOT AGENTS OR EVILDOERS".

3. ALTHOUGH CALLING FOR PUBLIC TO "EXERCISE RESTRAINT" AND HAVE CONFIDENCE IN SECURITY FORCES, JOHNSON ALSO

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WARNED PUBLIC TO BE VIGILANT. ONE NEVER KNOWS WHO AGENTS OF EVILDOERS ARE; THEY MAY BE YOUR NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR OF WHOM YOU HAVE NOT SLIGHTEST SUSPICION". PUBLIC SHOULD "DEVELOP SUSPICIOUS AND CURIOUS MINDS". AND REPORT ALL SUSPECTS TO SECURITY FORCES.

4. SPEECH CONCLUDES WITH ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT IMPENDING REGISTRATION FOR EASTERNERS AND NEED FOR EVERYONE TO JOIN CIVIL DEFENCE UNITS.

5. LAGOS PRESS JULY 8 REPORTED SPEECH IN FULL. MORNING POST AND TIMES HEADLINED: "JOHNSON CALLS SAV RESTRAINT". NEW NIGERIAN LABELED STORY: "LAGOS IBOS MUST NOW REGISTER".

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1. ACCORDING DAILY TIMES AND MORNING POST TODAY (JULY 7)

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"DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" HAVE REVEALED CONTENTS OF LETTER

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ALLEGEDLY SENT ON MAY 30 BY OJUKWU TO HEADS OF STATES

CIA

THROUGHOUT WORLD. PORTION OF LETTER EMPHASIZED BY PRESS

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CONTAINS STATEMENT THAT "EMERGECE OF A NUMBER OF FAIRLY

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EQUAL STATES IN AFRCIA WILL ENHANCE A TRULY UNITED CONTINENT."

AID

BECAUSE OF THIS OJUKWU SUPPOSEDLY ADVOCATED IN HIS LETTER

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THE DIVISION OF AFRICA INTO "SMALL, EQUAL SOVEREIGN STATES".

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THE NEWSPAPER SOURCES DESCRIBE THIS AS "BALKANIZATION" AND

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QUOTE OJUKWU AS WRITING, "THE SPECTOR OF A GIANT NIGERIA---

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FAR FROM BEING A SHOW-PIECE OF AFRICAN EMERGECE-- HAS DONE MUCH DAMAGE TO THE CAUSE OF AFRICAN UNITY BY THE SHEAR FORCE OF ITS SIZE".

2. IF OJUKWU DID SEND SUCH LETTER, HE CHOSE A CURIOUS LINE OF REASONING TO USE TO ENLIST SUPPORT FROM OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS. WHILE SOME AFRICAN LEADERS MIGHT NOT BE DISPLEASED AT PROSPECT BREAKUP OF "GIANT OF BLACK AFRICA", MANY ARE UNEASY ABOUT POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS FRAGMENTATION OF NIGERIA WOULD HAVE ON NOT-SO-SOLID POLITICAL STRUCTURES THEIR OWN COUNTRIES. THESE NEWSPAPER REPORTS ARE FIRST INDICATION EMBASSY HAS OF EXISTENCE SUCH LETTER, WHICH, IF WRITTEN, WAS NOT SENT TO EMBASSY OR, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, TO BRITISH HC LAGOS. MATHEWS.

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PG NIGERIAN RADIO ANNOUNCED AT 2015Z THAT MAJ GEN GOWON IN
O RETALIATION FOR ATTACKS BY EASTERN TROOPS WHICH BEGAN ON
SY JULY 6 HAS ORDERED FMG TROOPS TO ATTACK AND PENETRATE INTO
OER EAST. DETAILED STATEMENT TO FOLLOW.
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1. FED MIL GOVT HAS CONFIRMED FIGHTING BROKE OUT BETWEEN
"NIGERIAN ARMY AND REBEL FORCES IN THREE EASTERN STATES."
FIGHTING BEGAN EARLY HOURS OF JULY 6 WHEN, ACCORDING STATEMENT
BY FMG, REBEL TROOPS OPENED FIRE ON FEDERAL TROOPS. FEDERAL
TROOPS QUOTE IMMEDIATELY RETURNED FIRE AND INFLICTED HEAVY
CASUALTIES ON REBEL FORCES END QUOTE.

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2. FMG STATEMENT SAID COMMANDER - IN-CHIEF HAS ISSUED ORDERS
TO NIGERIAN ARMY TO PENETRATE INTO EASTERN-CENTRAL STATE AND CAPTURE
QUOTE OJUKWU AND HIS REBEL GANG. END QUOTE.

3. ORDERS ALSO ISSUED NIGERIAN ARMED FORCES AND POLICE TAKE
ADEQUATE MEASURES PROTECT CITIZENS OF RIVERS, SOUTH-EASTERN AND
EASTERN-CENTRAL STATES.

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4. STATEMENT ADDED THAT REBEL FORCES HAVE BEEN CLEARED FROM VILLAGES IN IGALA DIVISION WHICH HAD BEEN ATTACKED. STATEMENT CLAIMED OBUDU (IN OGOJA DIVISION) AND OBOLO (FEW MILES EAST OF NSUKA) CAPTURED BY NIGERIAN ARMY.

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5. STATEMENT WENT ON TO OUTLINE PROVOCATIVE ACTS OF OJUKWU GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING TERRORIST BOMBINGS IN LAGOS AND QUOTE WHOLESALE MURDER, ARSON, PILLAGE END QUOTE AGAINST PEOPLE IN MINORITY AREAS.

6. NIGERIAN PEOPLE URGED TO KEEP CALM AND ALERT, GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATION IN THEIR AREA.

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1. FOLLOWING BROADCAST BY EASTERN NIGERIA RADIO 1500Z. QUOTE
BIAFRAN SOLDIERS HAVE BEATEN OFF AND INFLICTED HEAVY LOSSES ON
TROOPS OF THE NIGERIAN ARMY WHO EARLY YESTERDAY OPENED A FOURFRONT
ATTACK ON THE NORTHERN FRONTIERS OF BIAFRA. THE ENEMY OFFENSIVES, LET
BY WHOTE MERCENARIES, WERE LAUNCHED ON BIAFRAN TROOP POSITIONS AT
GAKEM, OBUDU, NYONYA, AND THE ENUGU-EZIKE AREAS IN OGOJA AND NSUKKA
PROVINCES. IN ALL THE ENCOUNTERS, TROOPS OF THE BIAFRAN ARMY REPELLED
THE ATTACK AND THE ENEMY RETREATED WITH HEAVY CASUALTIES. MANY NIGER
-IAN SOLDIERS WERE KILLED IN THE FIGHTING AT THE NSUKKA BORDER.
OG IN THIS ENCOUNTER, BIAFRAN SOLDIERS KNOCKED OUT THE ENEMY OFFENSIVE
POSITIONS WITH HEAVY MORTAR FIRE, PUSHED THE NORTHERN NIGERIA ARMY
BACK MORE THAN FIVE MILES INTO NORTHERN NIGERIA, AND HELD THE TOWN
OF OKPO, INTERCEPTED ENEMY MESSAGES INDICATE THAT DURING THE BATTLE
LEADING TO THE CAPTURE OF OKPO TOWN, SIX NIGERIAN ARMY OFFICERS WERE
KILLED AND A WHOLE COMPANY OF NIGERIAN SOLDIERS LOST. BIAFRAN ARMY
CASUALTIES WERE MAINLY INJURIES, AND THE WOUNDED ARE BEING TEATED IN
HOSPITALS. AN ARMY BULLETIN SAYS ALTHOUGH FIGHTING IS STILL

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GOING ON AT THE NORTH BORDER OF OGOAA PROVINCE, THE ENEMY HAS NOT
BEEN ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH ANYWHERE. IN THE NSUKKA AREA, THEY HAVE
BEEN COMPLETELY SILENT. THE BULLETIN ADDS THAT IN ALL THE ENCOUNTERS
THE BIAFRAN CIVILIAN POPULATION WERE NOT RPT NOT AFFECTED. UNQUOTE.

2. THERE NO CONFIRMATION AUTHENTICITY THIS VERSION OF MILITARY
ACTION ALONG BORDER.

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BEEN FORCED TO RETURN TO OKRIKA REFINERY WHERE IT NOW
REPORTEDLY DISCHARGING ITS LAGOS-BOUND CARGO.

2. OIL COMPANIES DIVERTING TANKERS ON HIGH SEAS INTO
LAGOS TO REPLACE SUPPLIES FROM OKRIKA REFINERY WITH
REFINED PRODUCT FROM ABROAD. FIRST TANKER ENTERED LAGOS
THIS MORNING AND NOW DISCHARGING. OIL COMPANIES EXPECT
TIGHT SITUATION ON SOME PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY INDUSTRIAL
FUEL OIL, BEFORE REGULAR DELIVERY PATTERN ESTABLISHED.
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1. LAGOS MORNING POST JULY 6 REPORTS STATEMENT IN NAIROBI BY NIGERIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER LESLIE HARRIMAN. STATEMENT TIMED TO PRECEDE MEETING IN NAIROBI ON JULY 8 OF HEADS OF STATE OF KENYA, TANZANIA, UGANDA AND ZAMBIA IN ATTEMPT TO FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO NIGERIAN CRISIS.

2. HARRIMAN REPORTED TO HAVE SAID NIGERIA WILL NOT ACCEPT MEDIATION UNLESS IT IS BASED ON RECOGNITION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ITS TWELVE CONSTITUENT STATES. HARRIMAN ALSO STATED THAT SO-CALLED REPUBLIC OF BIAFRA MUST RENOUNCE ITS SECESSION.

3. HARRIMAN'S STATEMENT WELCOMED INITIATIVE FOR PEACE AND DENIED SUGGESTION THAT NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAD

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FRUSTRATED PEACE EFFORTS OF OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES.
BUT HE POINTED OUT THAT WHATEVER MEANS ARE USED FOR
CRUSHING A REBELLION WITHIN A SOVEREIGN STATE SHOULD NOT
RPT NOT BE DETERMINED BY ANOTHER SOVEREIGN STATE. HE
ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO REPEATED STATEMENTS BY FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT THAT IT WOULD ONLY USE FORCE IF OTHER MEANS
FAILED. MATHEWS
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1. SHELL-BP HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AFTERNOON JULY 5 AND ISSUED INNOCUOUS PRESS RELEASE STATING THAT FMG RESTRICTION ON CRUDE OIL TANKERS FORCING COMPANY TO "CUT BACK CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION" IN ORDER EASE STORAGE DIFFICULTIES BOTH AT BONNY TERMINAL AND AT OIL FIELDS.

2. IN OFF-RECORD COMMENTS AT BRIEFING SPOKESMAN CONCEDED COMPANY HAD OFFERED OJUKU POUNDS 250,000 AS PARTIAL PAYMENT JULY INSTALLMENT BUT THAT PAYMENT HAD NOT ACTUALLY BEEN MADE SINCE OJUKU SAID OFFER WAS "INSUFFICIENT". SPOKES

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MAN ALSO STATED SHELL CRUDE PRODUCTION WOULD BE COMPLETELY SHUT DOWN IN NEXT TWO TO THREE DAYS UNLESS FEDERAL BAN RELAXED.

3. SPOKESMAN REFUSED COMMENT ON REFINED OIL SITUATION BUT WE UNDERSTAND FROM TRADE THAT SHUTTLE TANKER BRITISH BEACH HAS BEEN LOADED AND LEFT PORZYHARCOURT EN ROUTE LAGOS WITH ONE WEEK'S SUPPLY DIESEL FUEL.

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 AID TIONS AT LAGOS POLICE HQ WERE DAMAGED BY JULY 2 BOMB BLAST
 PC ACROSS STREET FROM HQ. NEWSPAPERMEN WERE GIVEN TOUR OF
 SR BUILDING TO LET THEM SEE FOR THEMSELVES THERE WAS NO DAMAGE
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 RSC 2. ANTI-IBO DEMONSTRATION TOOK PLACE LAGOS MORNING JULY 4,
 BUT WAS STOPPED BY POLICE, WHO ARRESTED SOME DEMONSTRATORS.
 SOME SHOPS BELIEVED OWNED BY IBOS WERE LOOTED. OTHER
 DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST IXUS OCCURRED LAGOS AND MUSHIN
 JULY 3. REPORTEDLY NOT MANY PARTICIPANTS IN ANY OF THE
 THREE DEMONSTRATIONS.

3. VARIOUS SOURCES CONFIRM NUMEROUS ARRESTS IN LAGOS OF
 IBOS, AND SOME NON-IBO EASTERNERS. IN SOME CASES MEN HAVE
 BEEN ARRESTED IN PLACE OF WORK. HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SEARCH
 CONDUCTED BY POLICE IN ONE SECTOR OF CITY AND IBOS
 TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. MORNING POST TODAY REPORTS CERTAIN
 AREAS BELIEVED BE HIDEOUTS OF "UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS"
 COMBED BY POLICE AND MORE ARRESTS MADE. LAST NIGHT
 ARMED SOLDIERS RAIDED MOROKO VILLAGE (SETTLEMENT OF
 EASTERNERS ON VICTORIA ISLAND), ROUNDED UP ALL IBOS AND
 TOOK THEM AND SOME OF THEIR PROPERTY AWAY. UNCONFIRMED
 REPORT OF SOME LOOTING OF PROPERTY BELONGING NON-IBO
 RESIDENTS OF MOROKO AND ARREST OF SOME EFIKS. MANY IBOS

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WANT TO DEPART LAGOS BUT SOME, HAVING HEARD STORIES OF MOLESTATION AND DETENTION IBO TRAVELERS ON ROADS OUT OF LAGOS AND ON WAY TO EAST, ARE AFRAID TO TRY.

4. MAJOR SHITTU ALAO, HEAD OF AIR FORCE, TOLD EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEE THAT FMG ESPECIALLY SUSPICIOUS OF IBOS WHO HAVE RETURNED RECENTLY FROM EAST. SAID 67 IBOS KNOWN TO HAVE COME TO LAGOS IN LAST FEW WEEKS TO CAUSE TROUBLE. SOME ARRESTED AS RESULT TIPS FROM INFORMANT.

5. NEW NIGERIAN (KADUNA) ONLY NEWSPAPER WHICH SO FAR HAS PUBLISHED DETAILS SHELLING BY NIGERIAN NAVY OF PANAMANIAN-REGISTERED VESSEL "RIGEL" (2,562-TONS) OWNED BY MARABIERTA SHIPPING COMPANY. ACCORDING NEW NIGERIAN, RIGEL HIT ON QUARTERDECK AFTER TWO WARNING SHOTS FAILED TO STOP HER SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON WAY OUT OF BONNY. RIGEL WAS EMPTY AND WAS ESCORTED TO LAGOS, WHERE ITALIAN CAPTAIN AND CREW PLACED UNDER ARREST AND ARE BEING INTERROGATED. (COMMENT: EMBASSY TRYING SORT OUT FACTS WHICH CONFUSED BECAUSE NAME OF SHIP CHANGED RECENTLY AND SHIPPING SOURCES THINK IT PROBABLY UNDER CHARTER TO BIAFRAN SHIPPING COMPANY). MATHEWS

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AID 1. ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR ABDU INFORMED DCM LAST EVENING
PC THAT ETHIOPIA WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN EAST AFRICAN TALKS
SR ON NIGERIA WHICH HE SAYS ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JULY 8.
ORM 2. ABDU ALSO SAID PRESENT ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR IN
GPR WASHINGTON BEING RECALLED "BECAUSE HE HASN'T BEEN GOOD
OPR FOR US-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS". ACCORDING ABDU HE WILL BE
REPLACED BY MENASSIE HAILE PRESENT MINISTER OF INFORMATION.
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COM C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 121

1. ZAMBIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER NGALANDE CALLED ON AMBASSADOR AFTERNOON JULY 5 TO DISCUSS NIGERIAN CRISIS. NGALANDE PLANS DEPART LAGOS TOMORROW FOR CONSULTATION IN LUSAKA. HE SAID HE MAY ALSO STOPOVER IN NAIROBI DURING MEETING EAST AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE SCHEDULED BEGIN JULY 8. HE CONFIRMED THAT KENYA, UGANDA, TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA WILL BE REPRESENTED. NGALANDE VOICED GREAT CONCERN THAT FIGHTING BETWEEN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

AND EASTERN NIGERIANS COULD BREAK OUT AT ANY TIME. HE FEARS THAT MUCH BLOOD WILL BE SHED, PARTICULARLY IN EAST, AND THAT RESULTING WOUNDS TO NIGERIA WILL BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO HEAL.

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2. NGALANDE SAID ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT HAD HOPED TO INITIATE ACTIONS WHICH WOULD AT LEAST DELAY FIGHTING IN NIGERIA AND MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR OAU TO DISCUSS PROBLEM WHEN IT MEETS IN SEPTEMBER IN KINSHASA. HE FEARED THAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN NIGERIA WOULD MAKE THIS IMPOSSIBLE. HE POINTED OUT THAT GOWON'S DISMISSAL OF OJUKWU AS MILITARY GOVERNOR OF EAST-CENTRAL STATE ON JULY 1 MADE IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO MEDIATE OR CONCILIATE GOWON AND OJUKWU. FURTHERMORE FMG DEMANDS THAT OTHER COUNTRIES DEAL ONLY WITH LAGOS; THEREFORE, RECOGNITION OF BIAFRA BY SMALL STATE ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA WOULD HAVE LITTLE PRACTICAL EFFECT. MEANWHILE FMG WAS ENFORCING BLOCKADE WHICH MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR ANYONE TO TRY TO DEAL WITH ENOUGH. AMBASSADOR ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SITUATION HAD BECOME MORE DIFFICULT IN LAST FEW DAYS AND THAT THERE IS VERY LITTLE PROSPECT OF ANY OUTSIDE INFLUENCE HAVING EFFECT.

3. NGALANDE COMMENTED THAT ONLY ACTION BY BIG POWER SUCH AS USA TO RECOGNIZE AND PROTECT BIAFRA WOULD PREVENT BLOODSHED. AMBASSADOR REITERATED USG POLICY OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN NIGERIAN AFFAIRS AND REMINDED NGALANDE THAT SECRETARY RUSK HAD OFTEN STATED US POSITION THAT THERE SHOULD BE AFRICAN SOLUTIONS FOR AFRICAN PROBLEMS. THEREFORE, AMBASSADOR CONCLUDED, US WOULD WELCOME ANY DEVELOPMENTS OR MOVES BY EAST AFRICAN LEADERS WHICH COULD BRING ABOUT A LASTING SOLUTION OF THE NIGERIAN PROBLEM WHICH HAD NOW REACHED VERY CRITICAL STAGE.

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JOINT STATE/AID MESSAGE

1. IN VIEW UNSETTLED SITUATION NIGERIA AND NEW SECURITY MEASURES
INSTITUTED BY FMG REQUEST THAT ALL BUT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL
OFFICIAL TRAVEL BE DISCOURAGED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND THAT
ALL SUCH TRAVELERS ARRANGE THEIR SCHEDULE TO ARRIVE DURING
DAYLIGHT HOURS.
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1. ON BASIS CONSIDERABLE VOLUME OF INTELLIGENCE ACQUIRED
HERE AND ELSEWHERE I VENTURE FOLLOWING SUMMATION OF ATTITUDES
AND ACTIONS OF CERTAIN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS AND INTERESTS
TOWARD NIGERIAN SITUATION.

2. A. UK (HMG). BRITISH HAVE UNDERSTANDABLE BIAS TOWARD

PAGE 2 RUTALS 075CC SECRET NOFORN
PRESERVATION NIGERIA THEY PUT TOGETHER AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE
FMG BRING EAST BACK INTO FOLD. LINGERING HOPE THAT OUTSIDE
INFLUENCE MIGHT BRING THIS ABOUT BY PEACEFUL MEANS HAS BEEN
DISPELLED BY LAGOS VISIT OF ERIC NORRIS. HMG IS DEEPLY
DISTRESSED AT PROSPECT RESORT TO FORCE AND UNCERTAIN AS TO
OUTCOME ALTHOUGH IT APPARENTLY CONSIDERS FMG HAS EDGE. WHATEVER
OUTCOME IT HOPES RETAIN ITS ECONOMIC AND OTHER INTERESTS IN
ALL PARTS NIGERIA. DESPITE IMPORTANCE EASTERN CRUDE, HOWEVER,
HMG SEEMS TO GIVE GREATER WEIGHT TO ITS INTERESTS IN REST OF
COUNTRY THAN IN EAST AND ACCORDINGLY INCLINES TOWARD FMG.
THIS MOST STRIKINGLY INDICATED BY WILLINGNESS PROVIDE SMALL
QUANTITIES MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO FMG.

B. UK (SHELL-BP). LOCAL MANAGEMENT SHELL-BP WAS UNTIL
RECENTLY CONVINCED THAT BIAFRA HERE TO STAY AND THAT OJUKWU
WOULD BE KIND TO COMPANY. I AM CONVINCED COMPANY GAVE OJUKWU
REASON TO BELIEVE ALL OR SUBSTANTIAL PART JULY ROYALTY PAYMENTS
WOULD BE MADE TO BIAFRA AND DISCREETLY GUIDED HIM IN CREATING
SITUATION WHICH WOULD ENABLE COMPANY TO JUSTIFY SUCH PAYMENT.
SHELL-BP HAS CONSEQUENTLY BEEN BADLY SHAKEN BY FAILURE BIAFRA GAIN
RECOGNITION FROM ANY COUNTRY AND BY EFFECTIVENESS FMG BLOCKADE

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EASTERN PORTS. COMPANY WAS CAUGHT IN VERY AWKWARD POSITION WHEN OJUKWU DECIDED DEMAND QTE TOKEN PAYMENT UNQTE ON JULY 1. SHELL-BP HAS NOW ANTIAGONIZED BOTH FMG AND OJUKWU AND WILL NEED ALL HELP FMG CAN GIVE TO KEEP CRUDE FLOWING.

3. FRANCE. ALTHOUGH I ORIGINALLY THOUGHT FRENCH INVOLVEMENT WITH EAST WAS MOTIVATED ONLY BY PROSPECT OF QUICK PROFITS, IT NOW SEEMS TO ME THAT FRENCH INTERESTS IF NOT FRENCH GOVERNMENT ARE PURPOSEFULLY SUPPORTING EASTERN SECESSION. FRENCH SHIP IS CARRYING CZECH ARMS TO BIAFRA; FRENCH PILOTS DELIVERED B-26; FRENCH HELICOPTERS HAVE PERFORMED MILITARY MISSIONS FOR OJUKWU; SAFRAP OFFICIALS HAVE INTIMATED THEY INTEND PAY CRUDE ROYALTIES TO BIAFRA. PRESUMABLY FRENCH THINK FRAGMENTED NIGERIA WOULD BE LESS COMPETITION OR THREAT TO FRENCH AFRICAN PRESERVES.

4. SPAIN. ALTHOUGH SPANIARDS INITIALLY ATTRACTED BY PROFIT PROSPECTS IN EAST, THEY APPARENTLY DECIDED RISKS TO GREAT, AND SPAIN IS NOW SUPPORTING FMG.

5. PORTUGAL. PORTUGUESE OF COURSE PLEASED AT ANY TROUBLE IN AFRICA AND NOT AVERSE TO HELPING DISSIDENT REGIME. DESPITE FMG CHARGES, HOWEVER, I DOUBT PORTUGAL DOING MUCH MORE THAN PERMITTING USE OF SAO TOME AS TRANSIT POINT FOR TRAVELING BIAFRANS.

6. USSR. ALTHOUGH COMMUNISTS HAVE HEDGED BY PROVIDING CZECH ARMS TO EAST, I BELIEVE USSR HAS ENCOURAGED FMG TO QTE CRUSH REBELLION UNQTE. I ALSO BELIEVE USSR HAS DISCUSSED SUPPLY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT WITH FMG ALTHOUGH I AM INCLINED DOUBT USSR WOULD ITSELF SUPPLY. SOVIETS SEEM TO THINK BEST WAY TO IMPROVE THEIR POSITION IN MOST IF NOT ALL NIGERIA IS TO GIVE MORAL AND PERHAPS MATERIEL SUPPORT TO FMG.

7. CZECHOSLOVAKIA. CZECHS SEEM MOST LIKELY SOURCES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR FMG IF COMMUNISTS DECIDE SUPPLY. THIS WOULD PUT THEM IN EVEN-HANDED POSITION OF SUPPLYING BOTH SIDES.

8. POLAND. POLISH ROLE APPARENTLY LIMITED TO PROVIDING PORT OF DEPARTURE FOR CZECH ARMS SENT TO EAST BY SEA.
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UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT MADE LAST NIGHT (JULY 2) ABOUT 2100Z TO BOMB LAGOS POLICE HEADQUARTERS. UNIDENTIFIED MEN IN AUTOMOBILE TRIED TO DRIVE IT INTO COMPOUND AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS BUT WHEN GUARDS WOULD NOT OPEN GATE THEY BACKED CAR ACROSS STREET, STOPPING NEAR SMALL HOUSE ADJACENT TO GAS STATION.

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LEAVING CAR, MEN FLED AND WITHIN SECONDS AN EXPLOSION TOOK PLACE. HOUSE DEMOLISHED, ALL FOUR OCCUPANTS KILLED. NEIGHBORING STRUCTURES EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED, BUT GASOLINE AT STATION DID NOT IGNITE. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT 11 PEOPLE, INCLUDING SOME GUARDS AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, INJURED AND TAKEN TO HOSPITALS.

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1. ELDER DEMPSTER REP INFORMED BY PORT HARCOURT OFFICE THAT INDIAN TANKER, ADI JAYANTI, STOPPED AND SEARCHED BY NIGERIAN NAVY JULY 2. NAVY REPORTEDLY FIRED WARNING SHOTS ACROSS BOW TANKER AS SHE DEPARTED FREEWAY BONNY CHANNEL LOADED WITH CRUDE. TANKER UNDER CHARTER TO BP RPT BP.

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2. WHILE BP PROFFESSES NO RPT NO KNOWLEDGE INCIDENT, SHELL SOURCE CONFIRMS LOADED INDIAN TANKER FIRED UPON BY NAVY ON SUNDAY. HE SAID INCIDENT OCCURRED MILE AND HALFOUTSIDE NIGERIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS, BUT CLAIMED NO RPT NO KNOWLEDGE IF TANKER ACTUALLY BOARDED.

3. COMMENT: AT THIS POINT IN OIL ROYALTIES PAYMENT ISSUE, INCIDENT LIKELY DESIGNED TO REMIND SHELL-BP THAT FMG ABLE STOP CRUDE SHIPMENTS FROM BONNY. IT FIRST KNOWN INSTANCE SEARCH OF LOADED TANKER AFTER LEAVING BONNY.
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1. BRITISH HC RECEIVED FOLLOWING REPORT DATED JULY 2 ON MILITARY PLANES IN EASTERN NIGERIA FROM BRITISH DHC ENUGU.

2. "B 26 MILITARY AIRCRAFT WAS STILL ON ENUGU AIRFIELD YESTERDAY WHEN I LANDED FROM PORT HARCOURT AND THE BOMB-BAY DOORS WERE OPEN. IT MADE SEVERAL FLIGHTS AROUND TOWN. FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION AKPAN (PLEASE PROTECT SOURCE) SAID FIRMLY LAST EVENING THAT SIX MORE AIRCRAFT WERE EXPECTED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. SOME WOULD BE LARGER THAN B 26 AND WOULD BE DISPERSED ON TEMPORARY AIRSTRIPS."

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INR 1. SECOND EXPLOSION OCCURRED YABA (MAINLAND SUBURB OF
AID METROPOLITAN LAGOS) ABOUT TWO HOURS AFTER BLAST NEAR
SR POLICE HQ ON LAGOS ISLAND (REFTELS). AS REPORTED DAO MSG,
ORM EXPLOSIVES WERE IN CAR WHICH PARKED IN YABA BY AGIP GASOLIE
SCS STATION. STATION DEMOLISHED AND THREE PERSONS REPORTED
O INJURED. EVIDENTLY CAR CARRYING EXPLOSIVES UNABLE REACH
SY IT INTENDED TARGET AND LEFT IN GAS STATION AS LAST RESORT.
PER 2. COMMENT: A) IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT BOMBINGS LAST NIGHT
OPR DID NOT ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES: TARGETS MISSED, GENERAL FIRES
OC OR PANIC DID NOT OCCUR AND POLICE OR ARMY, AFTER SLOW
IS START OF CAMPAIGN OF TERRORISM, TIGHTENING OF SECURITY
RSR ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY IN FORCE WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT
RSC FOR WOULD-BE SABOTEURS TO TRY (MUCH LESS
CCO SUCCEED) DEMOLISH STRATEGIC INSTALLATIONS. FACT
LAGOS, IKOYI AND VICTORIA ALL ARE ISLANDS WITH LIMITED ACCESS
ROADS SHOULD GIVE LOCAL SECURITY FORCES SOME ADVANTAGE.
C) ON OTHER HAND, PUBLIC REACTION TO EXPLOSIONS COULD FURTHER
JEOPARDIZE SAFETY OF IBOS IN LAGOS. CERTAINLY IF MORE
BOMBINGS OCCUR FEELING WILL RUN HIGH AGAINST IBOS. INCIDENT
LAST NIGHT PROVIDES EXAMPLE THIS KINE OF EMOTION. NIGERIAN
BICYCLING AWAYS FROM SCENE OF ATTEMPTED ATTACK ON POLICE
HEADQUARTERS TOLD AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMAT, "IBOS MUST BE KILLED".
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1. BRITISH HC HAS RECEIVED REPLY FROM AGREEING TO COMPLY WITH GON NOTE RESTRICTING CONSULAR FUNCTION IN EASTERN NIGERIA, AS FOLLOWS:

"WE AGREE THAT REQUEST IN MEA NOTE SHOULD BE COMPLIED WITH AND THAT NO MORE ENTRY CERTIFICATES SHOULD BE ISSUED EN ENUGU. IT CAN BE MADE CLEAR TO APPLICANTS THAT CERTIFICATES ARE NOT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO THIS COUNTRY AND THAT EAST NIGERIANS ARE THEREFORE NOT IN THE SLIGHTEST

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PREVENTED FROM COMING TO THE U.K. WITHOUT THEM. ONLY ADVANTAGE OF A CERTIFICATE IS THAT IT HELPS TO GET HOLDER THROUGH IMMIGRATION CONTROL MORE QUICKLY AT PLACE OF ARRIVAL, BUT DECISION TO ADMIT A COMMONWEALTH CITIZEN DOES NOT DEPEND ON POSSESSION OR OTHERWISE OF CERTIFICATE. PARKER SHOULD FIRMLY REFUTE ANY SUGGESTION THAT ABSENCE OF ENTRY CERTIFICATES WILL CAUSE SERIOUS PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES."

2. DUTCH AMBASSADOR SAID THIS MORNING HE COULD NOT WAIT ANY LONGER (PARA 3 REFTEL) TO REPLY TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS NOTE BY AGREEING THAT DUTCH VICE CONSUL AT PORT HARCOURT WILL STOP ISSUING VISAS TO NIGERIANS. AMBASSADOR AGREED.

3. CAMEROON CONSUL HAS RETURNED TO ENUGU BUT NO REPORT RECEIVED YET ON WHAT HE IS NOW AUTHORIZED TO DO.

GP-3. MATHEWS.

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UK WICOMER CALLED TO SEE OGBU, PERMSEC EXTAFF, EVENING
JULY 2 ON OIL REVENUE PAYMENT QUESTION. FOLLOWING IS TEXT
HIS REPORT TO CO:

BEGIN QUOTE.

1. I WAS AKED TO CALL ON OGBU AT 1800 HOURS TODAY, 2 JULY.
HE SAID HE HAD A COMMUNICATION TO MAKE FROM THE HEAD OF THE
FMG AND HANDED OVER A PIECE OF PAPER (TEXT OF WHICH IN MY

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IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM). GIST OF IT IS THAT
CONCESSION ALLOWING OIL TANKERS TO ENTER AND LEAVE BONNY
HAS NOW BEEN WITHDRAWN WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT AND NIGERIAN
NAVY (COMMODORE WEY) WAS ORDERED THIS MORNING TO MAKE THE
PROHIBITION EFFECTIVE.

2. I INQUIRED WHETHER FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO
ANNOUNCE THIS MEASURE FORTHWITH. HE SAID THAT THEY WOULD KEEP
IT ENTIRELY CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL OJUKWU HAD MADE ANNOUNCEMENT
ABOUT SHELL-BPS PAYMENT TO HIM. I SAID I HAD INFORMATION
TO GIVE HIM ON THIS SCORE. I HANDED HIM COPIES OF THE TWO
LETTERS, TO OJUKWU AND OTI, WHICH SHELL-BP HANDED OVER
YESTERDAY. I POINTED OUT THAT THE LANGUAGE CONFIRMED WHAT
I HAD SAID YESTERDAY; IT WAS MADE PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT THIS
WAS MERE YIELDING TO THREAT OF FORCE AND THAT THE TEXT
COULD NOT BE USED BY OJUKWU FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. I
ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE SUM PROMISED WAS POUNDS 250,000
ONLY. (TEXT OF LETTERS HAD ALREADY BEEN GIVEN BY SHELL-BP
TO FEDERAL MINISTRY OF MINES BUT OGBU HAD NOT SEEN THEM.)
I WENT ON TO POINT OUT THAT, CONTRARY TO ALL EXPECTATION

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BEFOREHAND, OJUKWU HAD NOT MADE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT WHATEVER, LET ALONE A CRY OF TRIUMPH. OGBU ADMITTED HE WAS PUZZLED BY THIS. I WENT ON TO SAY THAT IN FACT I KNEW BOTH FROM SHELL-BP AND FROM PARKER THAT HE WAS GREATLY INDIGNANT BOTH AT LANGUAGE OF LETTERS AND WHAT HE CALLED DERISORY AMOUNT AND HAD SAID THIS CONFIRMED WHAT HE HAD ALWAYS SUSPECTED, THAT BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS BACKING GOWON.

(EMB COMMENT: OJUKWU REPORTEDLY SAID HE EXPECTED POUNDS 5 MILLION BUT CERTAINLY NOT LESS THAN POUNDS 2 MILLION.) OGBU HAVING EXPRESSED INTEREST AND APPRECIATION I SAID THAT SURELY THESE FACTS MADE THE FG'S REACTION INAPPROPRIATE. IF, AS NOW SEEMS LIKELY, OJUKWU'S FIRST PUBLIC REFERENCE TO THE TRANSACTION WAS A DENUNCIATION OF THE COMPANIES, AND PERHAPS SOME PUNITIVE MEASURES, IT WOULD BE RIDICULOUS FOR THE FMG ALSO TO PUNISH THEM.

3. OGBU SAID THAT IT WAS QUITE UNJUSTIFIABLE FOR THE COMPANIES TO PAY ANYTHING ON 1 JULY. I SAID THAT THIS POINT, PROPERLY CONSIDERED, COULD BE INTERPRETED IN A SENSE MORE AGREEABLE TO THE FMG. SINCE THE DEMAND WAS WHOLLY UNJUSTIFIABLE

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AND WAS ACCOMPANIED, AS HE KNEW, BY THREATS OF ACTION WHICH THE COMPANY FEARED NONE DIRECTED AGAINST ITS STAFF AND INSTALLATIONS, ITS ARBITRARY AND ILLEGAL NATURE WAS UNDERLINED; THE COMPANIES COULD BE HELD TO HAVE EMPHASIZED THE SAME POINT BY OFFERING ONLY A SMALL TOKEN PAYMENT. EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE IN FACT COMBINED TO SHOW THAT THIS WAS A PAYMENT EXTORTED AT THE POINT OF A GUN. I ASKED HIM TO BRING THESE POINTS, OF WHICH HE MADE CAREFUL NOTE, TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

4. I THEN ASKED HIM TO MAKE ANOTHER POINT TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WHICH I THOUGHT VERY IMPORTANT. PAYMENT OF OIL ROYALTIES AND COMPANY TAX WAS ALWAYS MADE IN ARREARS. AT MIDNIGHT ON 30 JUNE SHELL-BP OWED A SUM OF MONEY (ABOUT POUNDS 7 MILLION) TO SOME ONE FOR OIL THAT HAD BEEN WORN FROM THE SOIL OF NIGERIA AND EXPORTED OVER THE PREVIOUS SIX MONTHS.

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FOR THE OIL THAT WENT OUT FROM THE FIRST MINUTE OF 1 JULY HOW-
EVER THEY WERE ONLY GOING TO PAY AT THE END OF NEXT FEBRUARY.
BY THEN IT SEEMED REASONABLE TO SUPPOSE THAT THE SITUATION
WOULD HAVE BEEN CLEARED UP, BY THE SUPPRESSION OF THE

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REBELLION AS HE HOPED. BY STOPPING THE FLOW OF OIL NOW,
THEREFORE, THEY WERE DOING NOTHING WHICH WOULD AFFECT THE
SUM DUE TO THEM FOR THE PAST BUT THEY WERE ENSURING THAT
THERE WOULD BE PRACTICALLY NOTHING COMING IN TO THE FEDERAL
COFFERS IN FEBRUARY 1968. SURELY THEREFORE IT WAS SENSIBLE
TO MAINTAIN ALL THEIR CLAIMS BUT TO ALLOW THE OIL TO FLOW
AND THE REVENUE WHICH THE FMG WOULD EVENTUALLY ENJOY TO GO
ON MOUNTING UP.

5. OGBU PROMISED TO PUT BOTH THESE ARGUMENTS TO GOWON.
I SAID I WOULD WILLINGLY REINFORCE THEM MYSELF LATER AND
PERHAPS YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER WHAT FURTHER POINTS I
COULD MAKE.

6. I MADE NO COMMITMENT ABOUT WHEN WE SHOULD BE ABLE
TO REPLY TO HIS ORIGINAL NOTE ON THE SUBJECT OF REVENUES.

7. I HAVE INFORMED GRAY. END QUOTE.

TEXT OF FMG NOTE HANDED HICOMER FOLLOWS IN SEPTTEL.

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1. IF AS I ASSUME USG WILL NOT SUPPLY REQUESTED EQUIPMENT TO FMG, OUR REPLY SHOULD BE STRAIGHTFORWARD REFUSAL IN FRIENDLY AND SYMPATHETIC TONE. ANY ATTEMPT TO STALL OR OBFUSCATE WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS PRO-EAST MANEUVER AND BITTERLY RESENTED BY GOWON WHO ALREADY GENUINELY CONVINCED UK AND US ARE LETTING HIM DOWN. IF HE ALSO BECAME CONVINCED WE TRYING DECEIVE HIM, HE WOULD TURN TO COMMUNISTS WILLINGLY.

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 RATHER THAN RELUCTANTLY.

2. SHORT OF AGREEMENT BY UK AND LIOMGSUPPLY*AT LEAST SOME EQUIPMENT, I DOUBT VERY MUCH THAT FMG CAN BE DIVERTED FROM ACCEPTING COMMUNIST ARMS IF THEY ARE IN FACT AVAILABLE. FMG WILL NOT BE DISSUADED FROM SEEKING ARMS TO QTE CRUSH REBELLION UNQTE BY EXHORTATION FROM US, UK OR AFRICAN STATES.

3. I ACCORDINGLY RECOMMEND THAT REPLY MAKE NO REFERENCE TO MEETING EAST AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE OR TO MEDIATION. REPLY SHOULD REITERATE OUR CONTINUING HOPE FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION BUT SHOULD NOT BELABOR POINT.

GP-1 MATHEWS

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1. AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING FOR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS JULY 1,
FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT MADE THAT GENERAL GOWON HAS DISMISSED
LT COL OJUKWU AS MILITARY GOVERNOR OF EAST CENTRAL STATE.

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2. "THE HEAD OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL YAKUBU GOWON, HAS ANNOUNCE THE DISMISSAL WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT OF CHUKUEMEKA ODUMEGWU OJUKWU FROM THE OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNOR, EAST CENTRAL STATE, AND A LEGAL NOTICE TO THAT EFFECT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED. HIS DISCHARGE WITH IGNOMINY FROM THE NIGERIAN ARMY HAS ALSO BEEN ANNOUNCED.

3. "THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY WARNED THAT ANY TRANSACTIONS OR CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO WITH OJUKWU WILL NOT BE BINDING ON THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT OR THE STATE GOVERNMENT IN THE EAST CENTRAL STATE.

4. "THE HEAD OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS APPEALED TO THE OFFICERS, TROOPS AND CIVILIANS IN THE THREE EASTERN STATES NOT TO COLLABORATE WITH EX-GOVERNOR OJUKWU AND HIS REBEL CLIQUE.

5. "MAJOR-GENERAL YAKUBU GOWON EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL REGRET

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THAT WHILE GENUINE FRIENDS OF NIGERIA WERE TRYING TO PERSUADE
EX-LT.-COL. OJUKWU TO HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS ON HIS SECESSIONIST
ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO ENSURE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE NIGERIAN
CRISIS, OJUKWU HAS OPENLY DECLARED TOTAL WAR ON THE ENTIRE PEOPLE
OF NIGERIA AND ISSUED THREATS TO OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES."

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AID 1. ANGUS MCDERMID, BPC CORRESPONDENT (PROTECT), HAD SHORT
PC INTERVIEW WITH GOWON AT DODAN BARRACKS THIS AFTERNOON (JULY 1).
SR TOLD EMBOFF HE FOUND GOWON VERY MUCH AS EASE, IN GOOD SPIRITS,
ORM FULL OF CONFIDENCE. GOWON SAID THAT MILITARY ACTION
O "INESCAPABLE", AND WOULD, AFTER SHORT FIGHT, END IN FMS
SY VICTORY. REGRETTED NECESSITY RESORT TO ARMS, BUT THIS
PER ONLY COURSE LEFT OPEN TO HIM BY OJUKWU. HE NOTED THAT
OPR OJUKWU'S STATEMENT YESTERDAY SHOWED OJUKWU WILLING EMBARK

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PAGE 2 RUTALS 001800 C O N F I D E N T I A L
ON TOTAL WAR, WHEREAS FMG'S GOAL IS SOLELY TO END REBELLION
AND KEEP COUNTRY TOGETHER.

2. ALTHOUGH THEY DID NOT DISCUSS FMG'S LATEST PREPARATIONS
AND NO MENTION OF "HOW SOON", MCDERMID GOT DISTINCT
IMPRESSION THAT GOWON WILL GIVE ORDER VERY SOON. HE SAID
THIS IMPRESSION WAS UNDERLINED BY FACT THAT DURING INTERVIEW
ARMY TECHNICIANS WERE INSTALLING RADIO RECEIVER/TRANSMITTER
OUTSIDE OF GOWON'S OFFICE. SAID HE UNDERSTOOD IT FOR HOOKUP
WITH ARMY NETWORK.

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3. COMMENT: WE HAVE HAD FALSE STARTS BEFORE. HOWEVER, THIS TIME COMBINATION OF FACTORS AND VARIOUS REPORTS STRONGLY INDICATE WARFARE IMMINENT. NEVERTHELESS, IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT QUESTION OF WHEN TO BEGIN ACTION HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF CONTINUOUS DISCUSSION AND SOME DISAGREEMENT WITHIN HIGHEST LEVEL OF FMG, AND WITHIN OJUKWU GOVT AS WELL. IT STILL POSSIBLE THAT DEFINITE DECISION WHEN TO GO HAS NOT BEEN MADE YET OR THAT, IF IT HAS, IT COULD BE CHANGED AS RESULT SOME NEW DEVELOPMENT.

GP-3. MATHEWS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 004

1. THIS MORNING OGBU, PERMSEC EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, TOLD AMBASSADOR

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THAT "SECOND AMERICAN B-26 MILITARY PLANE" HAS ARRIVED AT PORT
HARCOURT (FIRST WENT TO ENUGU JUNE 29) AND EASTERNERS ARE
BUSY ERASING US MARKINGS ON PLANE.

2. URGENTLY REQUIRE DESCRIPTION PLANE IN PORT HARCOURT
WITH IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS OR ANY OTHER IDENTIFICATION
OBTAINABLE. FOR EXAMPLE, ANY INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER
PLANE HAD BEEN IN PORTUGAL WOULD HELP GREATLY.

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ANNOUNCEMENT MADE THAT FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT-S CONDITIONS FOR
PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF SECESSION OF EASTERN NIGERIA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. "PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE DECLARATION OF
INDEPENDENCE OF THE SO-CALLED BIAFRA REPUBLIC AND REVOCATION OF THE
INDEPENDENCE EDICT AND ASSOCIATED EDICTS.
3. "PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE AND RECOGNITION OF FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY OVER EASTERN NIGERIA BY THE FORMER MILITARY GOV-
ERNOR EAST, LT. COL. OJUKWU OR ANY OTHER SENIOR IBO OFFICER.
4. "PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE TWELVE STATES IN NIGERIA
AND THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW MILITARY ADMINISTRATIONS IN RIVERS
STATE AND SOUTH-EASTERN STATE (THE MINORITY AREAS) SUBJECT

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5 "ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT OF CIVILIANS AS COMMISSIONERS INTO THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILS AS A MAJOR STEP IN THE RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAMME OF THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL TO END MILITARY RULE IN NIGERIA EARLY 1969.

6. "AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO REVOKE THE REVENUE (COLLECTION) EDICT AND RELATED MEASURES WHICH JEOPARDISED THE EXERCISE OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE EAST.

7. " AGREEMENT THAT CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF NIGERIA WILL BE HELD BY THE DULY ACCREDITED AND EQUAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWELVE STATES.

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1. AT JULY 1 PRESS BIEFING FOR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS BY AYIDA PERMSEC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORRESPONDENTS CAUTIONED TO ATTRIBUTE ON RECORD STATEMENTS TO A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN.

OTHER PRESENT WERE TATRI ALLI, PERMSEC MIN OF INFORMATION, AND OTHER ADVISERS FROM MINISTRIES INFORMATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

2. RE OIL REVENUE PAYMENTS AYIDA CONFIRMED OJUKWU HAD DEMANDED PAYMENT OF REVENUE FROM THE OIL COMPANIES. ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF OIL COMPANIES PAID OJUKWU, AYIDA SAID, "WE DON'T SEE WHAT JUSTIFICATION THE OIL COMPANIES COULD OFFER FOR PAYMENT TO OJUKWU. EVEN IF OJUKWU CONTROLS THE INSTALLATIONS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTROLS THEIR ACCESE TO THE SEA AND WE WILL CLOSE THE OIL COMPANIES' EXIT TO THE SEA IF THEY MAKE PAYMENT TO OJUKWU." AYIDA ADDED THAT FMG WOULD ASSERT ITS RIGHTS DEPENDING ON SITUATION. OIL REVENUE PAYMENTS IN QUESTION WERE CONFIRMED TO BE THOSE ROYALTIES FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 1967 NORMALLY PAYABLE IN JULY. AYIDA SAID THAT IT USUALLY TAKES THREE WEEKS FOR OIL COMPANIES AND FMG TO COMPUTE TOTAL, HOWEVER, FIGURE WOULD BE CLOSE TO POUNDS 7 MILLION STERLING.

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3. ON RENTS PAYABLE TO FED GOVT BY OIL COMPANIES IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT ALL RENTS FOR 1967 CALENDAR YEAR WERE PAID IN DECEMBER 1966.

4. THIRD CATEGORY OF PAYMENT, I.E. OIL PROFITS TAX, IS NOW BEING NEGOTIATED BETWEEN FMG AND OIL COMPANIES.

5. DISCUSSING OJUKWU'S BROADCAST OF JUNE 30 (WAR IS IMMINENT SPEECH), AYIDA SAID IT UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE THOSE WHO THOUGHT PEACE WAS POSSIBLE AND WERE NEGOTIATING BEHIND SCENES (GHANA AND OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES) NOW HAD NO CHOICE. OJUKWU HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT ANY PEACE TREATY COULD ONLY BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN BIAFRA AND NIGERIA WHICH WOULD THEREBY MAKE NIGERIA FIRST COUNTRY TO RECOGNIZE BIAFRA. AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, SAID AYIDA, "OJUKWU HAS CLOSED THE MAGINOT LINE. HE IS NOT BLUFFING." ASKED TO CLARIFY OJUKWU'S CHARGE THAT FMG HAD BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH NEIGHBORING AFRICAN COUNTRIES DMR PASSAGE OF FEDERAL TROOPS THROUGH THEIR TERRITORIES, AYIDA DECLINED TO ANSWER. IN SUMMARY HE STATED FMG INTERPRETS OJUKWU'S BROADCAST AS DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST NIGERIA. AYIDA THEN DISTRIBUTED ANNOUNCEMENT OF OJUKWU'S DISMISSAL (LAGOS 003).

6. ON OTHER SUBJECTS, AYIDA SAID EAST AFRICAN SUMMIT MEETING MIGHT BE USEFUL PROVIDED IT DEALT EXCLUSIVELY WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND LED TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. ON

MILITARY ACTION AYIDA SAID FMG NOT COMMITTED TO A MILITARY SOLUTION, BUT TO ONE NIGERIA. HOWEVER, OJUKWU HAS GONE TOO FAR; HE CAN NO LONGER WAKE UP ONE MORNING AND SAY, "I UNDECLARE BIAFRA"; WAR THEREFORE IS INEVITABLE.

7. AYIDA AVOIDED SPECULATION ON POSSIBILITY OF PROSECUTING OJUKWU OR OTHER LEADERS IN FORMER EASTERN REGION. AYIDA STATED THAT DISMISSAL OF OJUKWU IS ADMISSION THAT PEACEFUL RAPPROCHMENT NO LONGER POSSIBLE WITH OJUKWU. HIS DISMISSAL WAS NOT NECESSARILY RELATED TO HIS BROADCAST OF JUNE 30. AYIDA ADDED THERE WILL NOT BE AN IMMEDIATE REPLACEMENT FOR OJUKWU AS MILITARY GOVERNOR OF THE EAST CENTRAL STATE; HE SIMPLY SAID, "WE DO NOT WANT TO HAVE ANOTHER MILITARY-GOVERNOR-IN-EXILE."

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8. AYIDA THEN DISCUSSED THE OPERATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR NIGERIAN ARMED FORCES (REPORTED BY DATT JUNE 28) AND READ POSRTIONS OF IT. HE ELABORATED ON INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF MERCENARIES. HE SAID MERCENARIES WOULD BE EXEMPT FROM THE GENEVA CONVENTION AND WOULD RECEIVE THE "WORST TREATMENT". HE DEFINED MERECENARIES AS "NON-NIGERIANS FIGHTING FOR OJUKWU".

9. AYIDA AND TATARI ALLI CONFIRMED THAT GOVERNMENT CENSORSHIP HAD BEEN REINSTITUTED ON PRESS REPORTING FOR SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS. AYIDA SAID, "WE WILL NOT PERMIT OJUKWU'S PROPAGANDA TO BE SENT FROM LIDOS". IN CASES OF ACTUAL CENSORSHIP AYIDA SAID GOVT WILL EXPLAIN REASON FOR CENSORSHIP IN EACH CASE AND THERE WILL BE NO HOLD UP OF CABLES. DECON 8/1/67 MATHEWS.
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ACCORDING UK HICOM SHELL-BP HAS MADE DECISION TO PAY
"UNDER PROTEST" POUNDS 250,000. "TOKEN" PAYMENT TO OJUKWU.
TEXT OF COMMONWEALTH OFFICE MESSAGE TO UK HICOM LAGOS
FOLLOWS:

OTE 1. AT MEETING THIS AFTERNOON (30 JUNE) WITH SHELL-BP
IT WAS PROVISIONALLY AGREED THAT WE WOULD MAKE A MAJOR
EFFORT TO PERSUADE BOTH GOWON AND OJUKWU TO ACCEPT THE
IDEA OF PAYMENT BY THE COMPANY INTO A SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.
IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT SHELL-BP WOULD REPLY TO THE
EASTERN GOVERNMENT'S LETTER OF 27 JUNE IN TERMS WHICH
CONTESTED THE DEMAND FOR A TOKEN PAYMENT ON 1 JULY.

2. SUBSEQUENT TO THIS MEETING WE RECEIVED YOUR TELEGRAM
UNDER REFERENCE. SHELL ALSO RECEIVED A TELEX MESSAGE FROM
GRAY WHICH CONFIRMED THAT OJUKWU WAS ADAMANT ON 1 JULY
PAYMENT OR STATEMENT OF INTENTION TO PAY AND HAD THREATENED
"FIRM AND POSITIVE ACTION" IN THE EVENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE.
SHELL-BP CONSIDERED THAT THE RISK TO THEIR EMPLOYEES AND
THEIR PROPERTY MUST BE TAKEN MOST SERIOUSLY AND THAT THEY
HAD NO OPTION BUT TO GIVE OJUKWU THE REQUESTED STATEMENT

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OF INTENTION BY 1 JULY, MAKING IT CLEAR THAT THIS WAS GIVEN
UNDER PROTEST.

3. THEY ARE ACCORDINGLY INSTRUCTING GRAY TO DELIVER LETTER
TO THAT EFFECT IMMEDIATELY TO OJUKWU. DRAFT HAS BEEN
DISCUSSED WITH US AND TEXT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU
BY GRAY.

4. GOWON WILL NO DOUBT REGARD THIS AS A DIREKD FLOUTING
OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S WISHES AND AS CONTRARY TO THE
NOTE QUOTED IN YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 1997 PROVIDED YOU SEE NOT
OBJECTION YOU SHOULD THEREFORE SEE HIM TOMORROW 1 JULY IF
POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY WITH NORRIS, AND SPEAK ON THE FOLLOWING
LINES:

(A) THE COMPANY HAVE TAKEN THIS ACTION UNDER DURESS
(AS THEIR LETTER MAKES CLEAR) AND BECAUSE THEY FELT THEY
HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO BOW TO OJUKWU'S THREAT OF "FIRM AND
POSITIVE ACTION".

(B) FAILURE TO TAKE THIS STEP COULD WELL HAVE PUT IN
JEOPARDY THE SAFETY OF BRITISH AND OTHER EXPATRIATE STAFF
OF SHELL-BP.

(C) IN INTERNATIONAL LAW THE COMPANY CANNOT BE HELD

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AT FAULT FOR COMPLYING WITH A DEMAND OF THIS SORT MADE BY
THE AUTHORITIES ACTUALLY IN CONTROL OF THE AREA IN WHICH
THEY ARE OPERATING. NEEDLESS TO SAY THIS DOES NOT IN ANY
WAY CONSTITUTE RECOGNITION BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT OF THE
STATUS OF THOSE AUTHORITIES AS THE LAWFUL OR EVEN THE DE FACTO
GOVERNMENT. IT IS NOT FOR THE COMPANY TO RECOGNIZE OR NOT
TO RECOGNIZE AND ITS ACTIONS DO NOT AFFECT THE
POSITION OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON THIS POINT. THE
PAYMENT HAVING BEEN MADE TO AN AUTHORITY WHICH HAD POWER
TO EXACT IT, AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BEING IN FACT NOT
IN A POSITION TO PROTECT THE COMPANY FROM THE CONSEQUENCES
OF NON-PAYMENT, IT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL LAW
FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PENALIZE THE COMPANY IN ANY
WAY FOR HAVING MADE THE PAYMENT AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO
REQUIRE THEM TO MAKE A DOUBLE PAYMENT.

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(D) YOU WILL SHORTLY BE RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO APPROACH GOWON WITH SOME PROPOSALS WHICH ARE NOW BEING CONSIDERED IN LONDON IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT MEA NOTE ABOUT OIL REVENUES, AND YOU MUST ASK HIM NOT TO TAKE ANY FURTHER STEP IN THIS MATTER UNTIL HE HAS HAD A CHANCE

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TO HEAR AND CONSIDER THESE IDEAS. FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION, OUR INTENTION IS STILL TO PURSUE THE COMPROMISE OF PAYMENT INTO A SUSPENSE ACCOUNT, BUT BEFORE SENDING FINAL INSTRUCTIONS WE WISH TO CONSIDER THIS MORE FULLY WITH NORRIS (WHOSE RETURN HERE NEXT MONDAY IS APPROVED).

(E) IF YOU THINK FIT YOU COULD ADD THAT COMPANY'S LETTER TO OJUKWU IS DELIBERATELY DRAFTED SO AS TO AVOID REFERENCE E.G. TO BIAFRA OF WHICH HE COULD MAKE PROPAGANDA USE.

5. IF OJUKWU PLAYS UP THE SHELL- BP DECISION IN PUBLIC, WE SHALL TAKE THE LINE IN ANSWERING PRESS ENQUIRIES THAT THE DECISION WAS ONE FOR THE COMPANY, THAT WE RELIZE THAT IT WAS ONE WHICH THEY WERE COMPELLED TO MAKE AND THAT WE QUITE UNDERSTAND THE REASONS FOR IT. WE WILL ADD, IF NECESSARWN THAT THE COMPANY KEPT US FULLY INFORMED ALTHOUGH IT WAS ACCEPTED THAT THE DECISION WAS FOR THEM ALONE. WE WILL ALSO SAY, IF ASKED, THAT THE DECISION CARRIES NO IMPLICATIONS FOR RECOGNITION BY HMG.

6. SHELL-BP HAVE BEEN INFORMED ABOUT THE FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS, AND ASK THAT YOU SHOULD TELL GRAY OF THEM ALSO. YOU HAVE AUTHORITY TO DO SO.

7. WE SUGGEST YOU INFORM YOUR DUTCH, FRENCH, ITALIAN AND UNITED STATES COLLEAGUES. WE ARE TELLING AMERICANS HERE. UQTE. UK HICOM ASKS THAT THIS INFORMATION NOT BE PASSED TO OTHER OIL COMPANIES OR RELEASED IN ANY WAY UNTIL HICOM SEES GOWON AT 1800 LOCAL TONIGHT.

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2. SHELL-BP REPRESENTATIVE CONFIRMED TO ECON COUNSELOR TODAY THAT SAFRAP, LIKE SHELL-BP IS

MAKING PAYMENT IN EAST.

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1. PERNEC EXTAFF OGSU DELIVERED TO MY HOME AT 1830 HOURS
TONIGHT FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT (A
DUPLICATE OF THIS MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED TO UK HICOM WHEN
HE CALLED ON GOWON TONIGHT TO INFORM HIM OF SHELL-BP'S
DECISION TO MAKE TOKEN PAYMENT TO OJUKWU):
QTE. MY DEAR PRESIDENT,
I MY GOVERNMENT AND MYSELF HAVE NOTED WITH APPRECIATION
THE GREAT CONCERN EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND
CONGRESS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN NIGERIA. I AM APPROACHING

YOU NOW BECAUSE EVENTS HAVE REACHED A CRITICAL STAGE. YOUR
ESTEEMED AMBASSADOR HERE WILL NO DOUBT HAVE PASSED ON TO YOU,
THE LATEST ACTS OF OJUKWU IN ACQUIRING OFFENSIVE MILITARY
AIRCRAFT. IN PARTICULAR, THE POSSESSION BY THE ILLEGAL
REGIME AT ENUGU OF AT LEAST, ONE B26 BOMBER, HAS BEEN
CONFIRMED. THEY ALREADY POSSESS A NUMBER OF MILITARY
HELICOPTERS. THESE DEVELOPMENTS COUPLED WITH THE DECLARATION
YESTERDAY, OJUKWU OF TOTAL WAR AGAINST THE FEDERATION OF
NIGERIA CONSTITUTE A GRAVE THREAT TO THIS COUNTRY.

YOU ARE, NO DOUBT, AWARE OF MY VARIOUS EFFORTS OVER THE
LAST FEW MONTHS TO ACHIEVE PEACE AND RECONCILIATION. NOT
ONLY DID OJUKWU SPURN ALL EFFORTS BY MYSELF AND OTHER
NIGERIAN LEADERS, BUT HE HAS ENGAGED IN MOUNTING ACTS OF
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION AND THE PEOPLE OF NIGERIA.
THESE CULMINATED IN HIS SO-CALLED DECLARATION OF SECESSION.
HE HAS PURCHASED LARGE QUANTITIES OF ARMS AND HAS SENT
EMISSARIES X ILLEGAL MISSIONS ALL OVER EUROPE AND AMERICA
WITH IMPUNITY. THE SOURCES OF FUNDS AND SUPPORT FOR THESE
HIS ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN A MATTER OF GRAVE CONCERN
TO MY GOVERNMENT.

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THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS NOTED WITH APPRECIATION
THE REFUSAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO ACCORD RECOGNITION

TO THE SO-CALLED REPUBLIC OF BIAFRA. MY GOVERNMENT
ALSO WELCOMED THE REPEATED ASSURANCE IN THE PAST FROM
YOUR GOVERNMENT OF YOUR DESIRE THAT NIGERIA SHOULD REMAIN
UNITED AS ONE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC UNIT. IT IS A MATTER
FOR REGRET, HOWEVER, THAT FACED WITH OJUKWU'S ILLEGAL ACT,
THERE HAS NOT BEEN A MORE FORTHCOMING PUBLIC STATEMENT BY
YOUR GOVERNMENT, ONE OF THE OLDEST AND CLOSEST ALLIES WE
HAVE IN THE TASK OF DEVELOPING NIGERIA INTO A
MODERN AND STABLE STATE, DENOUNCING THE SECESSION MOVE AND
RE-AFFIRMING ITS DESIRE THAT THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF
THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA SHOULD BE RESPECTED BY ALL COUNTRIES.
I TRUST THAT YOUR AMBASSADOR HAS FULLY EXPLAINED TO YOU
THE PURPOSE OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN SEEKING TO
CRUSH OJUKWU'S REBELLION. WE WISH TO ASSURE THAT THIS PART
OF AFRICA REMAINS STABLE. A NIGERIA SPLIT INTO SEVERAL
SOVEREIGN STATES WILL ONLY LEAD TO SERIOUS INSTABILITY AND
WIDESPREAD BLOOD-SHED. YOU WILL AGREE THAT IT IS THE FIRST
DUTY OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT TO AVOID SUCH A
SITUATION. MOREOVER, WE INTEND TO PUT A STOP NOW TO THE
VIOLENCE BEING PERPETRATED BY OJUKWU AND HIS CLIQUE AGAINST

THE 5 MILLION INHABITANTS OF THE NEWLY CREATED SOUTH EASTERN
AND RIVERS STATES AND TO ENSURE JUSTICE FOR ALL NIGERIAN
COMMUNITIES INCLUDING IROS.

TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS, IT IS NOW IMPERATIVE THAT MILITARY
MEASURES BE ADOPTED TO PUT AN END TO OJUKWU'S VIOLENCE AND
REBELLIOUS MILITARY ACTIVITIES.

I HAVE ON PREVIOUS OCCASION SOUGHT THROUGH YOUR ENVOYS
HERE, THE ASSISTANCE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO PROCURE THE
MINIMUM NECESSARY ADDITIONAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT. WE ARE NOW
FACTED WITH A NEW DEVELOPMENT WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE
BOMBER AIRCRAFT AND OTHER OFFENSIVE WEAPONS ACQUIRED BY THE
ILLEGAL REGIME AT ENUGU. I THEREFORE APPEAL TO YOU TO PERMIT
THE SALE FROM UNITED STATES SOURCES OF THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT
TO THE ARMED FORCES OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT:

- 12 JET FIGHTER/BOMBER AIRCRAFT
- 6 FAST SEAWARD DEFENCE BOATS (CAPABLE TO AT
LEAST, 30 KNOTS PER HOUR AND FULLY EQUIPPED)
- 24 ANTI AIRCRAFT GUNS.

I HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL ACCEDE TO THIS
REQUEST AND IN VIEW OF THE EXTREME URGENCY OF THE MATTER,

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THAT THE AIRCRAFT AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IN NIGERIA WITHIN 48 HOURS I.E. LATEST JULY 3RD, 1967. THE NAVAL CRAFT SHOULD ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR ACCEPTANCE IN AN ATLANTIC PORT WITHIN THE SAME PERIOD. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD REQUEST THAT ESSENTIAL TRAINING PERSONNEL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF DELIVERY OF THESE EQUIPMENTS.

BECAUSE OF THE HISTORY OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, THE LONG TRADITIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND ASSOCIATION AND THE GREAT PROMISE OF CONTINUING PROFITABLE CO-OPERATION IN FUTURE, I EARNESTLY HOPE THAT YOU WILL ACCEDE TO THIS REQUEST IN THIS MOMENT OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY FOR NIGERIA. ON THE OTHER HAND, MY DEAR PRESIDENT, YOU WILL FULLY APPRECIATE THAT MY FIRST DUTY IS TO PROTECT THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF NIGERIA.

IF FOR ANY REASON YOUR GOVERNMENT IS UNABLE TO HELP, YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND, I TRUST, WHY I MUST SEEK THE EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FROM ANY SOURCE WHATSOEVER THAT CAN HELP AS WE DESIRE THE EQUIPMENT STRICTLY ON COMMERCIAL TERMS AND NOTHING WE DO IN THIS REGARD, SHOULD BE CONSTRUED AS AFFECTING IN ANY WAY THE TRADITIONAL POLICY OF NIGERIA OF NON-ALIGNMENT IN THE ISSUES THAT DIVIDE THE MILITARY AND IDEOLOGICAL CAMPS IN THE WORLD.

PLEASE ACCEPT THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM. SIGNED MAJOR-GENERAL YAKUBU GOWON, HEAD OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA. UNQTE.

2. COMMENT: WE AS WELL AS UK HICOM BELIEVE GOWON DOES NOT RPT NOT SERIOUSLY EXPECT EQUIPMENT REQUESTED CAN BE DELIVERED WITHIN THE 48 HOURS SPECIFIED. HE DOES, HOWEVER, FEEL PRESSED BY OJUKWU'S ACQUISITION AIR WEAPONS IN FORM B-26 BOMBER, FMG ALSO AWARE SUCH PEOPLE AS WARTON (AND FRENCH PILOTS) (ENUGU 933) ARE IN EAST TO FLY IT. FMG PROBABLY CLEARING THEM BY THEIR LETTER TO ACCEPTANCE EASTERN EUROPE OFFERS TO SUPPLY EQUIPMENT OF TYPE REQUESTED. SOURCE POSSIBLY CZECHOSLOVAKIA (LAGOS 009).

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1. WELL INFORMED LOCAL AMERICAN TOLD ECON COUNSELOR THAT DR. OKOI ARIKPO (PROTECT), FEDERAL COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, TOLD HIM LAST NIGHT THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DETERMINED TO USE MILITARY FORCE REDUCE OJUKWU REBELLION BUT DOES NOT INTEND TO LAUNCH OPERATIONS FOR NEXT TWO OR THREE WEEKS. ARIKPO STATED HE AND OTHER COMMISSIONERS CONFIDENT THAT FEDERAL MILITARY FORCE WILL PREVAIL OVER EAST. SAID GOWON AND COMMISSIONERS HOPE SCORE RAPID MILITARY SUCCESS BUT DOES NOT WANT TO CRUSH IBOS. INSTEAD HOPE IBO LEADERS SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING OJUKWU, WILL AFTER INITIAL DEFEAT AGREE QTE NEGOTIATE THEIR WAY BACK INTO FEDERATION UNQTE.

2. SOURCE SAID ARIKPO, WHO IS CLOSE FRIEND, IS NOW FIRMLY COMMITTED TO FEDERATION AND BELIEVES IBOS HAVE GONE MUCH TOO FAR. HE FOUND THIS INTERESTING SINCE PRE-JANUARY COUP DAYS ARIKPO WAS STEADFAST ALLY OF SUCH LEADING IBOS AS ENI NJOKU AND KENNETH DIKE. BELIEVES ARIKPO, WHO IS FROM RIVERS STATE, IS NOW SOLIDLY COMMITTED TO GOWON PROGRAM AND IS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT 12-STATE FEDERATION. HE SAID ARIKPO BELIEVES THERE ONLY SLIGHT CHANCE FEDERAL FORCES WILL BE BEATEN. IN THAT CASE, HOWEVER, ARIKPO AID FUTURE WOULD BE ENTIRELY NEW PROBLEM SINCE HE EXPECTED AWOLOWO WOULD THEN ATTEMPT MAKE SAME DEAL WITH OJUKWU. HOWEVER, AT PRESENT AWOLOWO SUPPORTING HIS FELLOW COMMISSIONERS IN BACKING GOWON AND FEDERATION. MATHEWS.

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1. FMG HAS STEPPED UP PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST BREAKAWAY REGIME IN EAST NIGERIA. DAILY TIMES TODAY (JUNE 30) QUOTES "OFFICIAL SOURCES IN LAGOS" AS SAYING EAST BELIEVED TO BE USING ISLAND OF SAO TOME (PORTUGUESE) TO RECRUIT LARGE NUMBER MERCENARIES FOR EASTERN ARMED FORCES. BASIS THIS ACCUSATION IS REPORT THAT EASTERN EMISSARIES TO EUROPE (OKIGBO, MBANEFO AND MOJUKWU) LANDED SAO TOME LAST WEEK THEN PROCEEDED ENUGU ON CONNECTING FLIGHT. EAST USING SAO TOME BECAUSE OTHER GOVTS CLOSED AIRPORTS TO FLIGHTS "ON BEHALF OF REBEL GOVERNMENT" IN

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EASTERN NIGERIA AFTER FMG SO REQUESTED. PORTUGAL, HOWEVER, CHOSE TO IGNORE FMG REQUEST. THE OFFICIAL SOURCES SAID THEY BELIEVE BULK OF MERCENARIES RECRUITED BY EAST COME FROM ANGOLA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

2. NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, FMG USING CHARGE OF PORTUGAL'S COOPERATION WITH EAST AS VEHICLE FOR SHARP ATTACK ON OJUKWU. IN EDITORIAL TITLED "OJUKWU'S WHITE BROTHER" FMG-OWNED MORNING POST DRAWS ATTENTION TO LINK BETWEEN "OJUKWU AND HIS GANG" WITH COUNTRY WHICH BELIEVES "AFRICA MUST REMAIN UNDER PERPETUAL BONDAGE OF THEIR WHITE TASK MASTERS." VALUE OF SAO TOME LIES IN FACT ISLAND PROVIDES MEANS (CABLE AND AIRPORT) BY WHICH EAST CAN COMMUNICATE WITH OUTSIDE WORLD. IN ADDITION "OJUKWU

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CAN LEARN A TRICK OR TWO IN ART OF KEEPING A PEOPLE SUPRESEED" FROM PORTUGUESE LABOR SYSTEM ON SAO TOME WHICH "NOT MUCH UNLIKE SLAVERY". OJUKWU'S COLLUSION WITH "A COUNTRY THAT SEES AFRICANS AS SUB-HUMANS" MAKES IT CLEAR THAT "IN HIS BID TO ACHIEVE HIS MAD AMBITION, OJUKWU WOULD NOT MIND ENLISTING EVEN THE AID OF THE DEVIL".

3. LAGOS, IBADAN AND KADUNA PRESS ALL DEVOTE HEADLINES TO STORY OF MOUNTING UNREST AND "REIGN OF TERROR" IN EAST.

VARIOUS REPORTS CITED BY NEWSPAPERS INCLUDE: OJUKWU REGIME HAS MOVED TROOPS TO OIL INSTALLATIONS PORT HARCOURT; FMG'S ECONOMIC SANCTIONS HAVE RAISED COST OF LIVING IN EAST TO ALARMING HEIGHTS; AND EASTERN TROOPS HAVE BEGUN LOOT AND SEIZE FOODSTUFFS FROM CIVILIANS. TROOPS MOVED INO UYO* AFTER RIOT AND BLOWING UP OF ELECTRICITY INSTALLATIONS THERE. OPPOSITION TO OJUKWU, ESPECIALLY IN SOUTH-EASTERN AND RIVERS STATES, HAS RESULTED CAMPAIGN OF TERROR AND INTIMIDATION IN EAST. (COMMENT: FMG LIKELY TO EMPLOY PROPAGANDA WEAPON INCREASINGLY AS PART OF ITS CAMPAIGN TO SUBDUE "BIAFRA.")

4. IN RADIO AND TV BROADCAST IN LAGOS LAST NIGHT, MIL GOV SOUTH-EASTERN STATE, LTC U.J. ESUENE, WARNED OJUKWU "HOUR OF REKONING IS DRAWING NEAR." SPEAKING TO PEOPLE OF HIS STATE, ESUENE TOLD THEM NOT TO DESPAIR BECAUSE OF DELAY ESTABLISHMENT HIS GOVT ON SOUTH-EASTERN SOIL. DELAY CAUSED BY FMG EFFORTS TRY EVERY POSSIBLE SOLUTION, SHORT OF USE OF FORCE, TO "RETURN THIS COUNTRY TO CONSTITUTIONALITY." BUT SINCE EAST HAS SPURNED EVERY EFFORT BY FMG TO AVOID BLOODSHED, USE OF FORCE MAY HAVE TO COME SOON. HE CALLED ON PEOPLE "TO BE PREPARED JOIN FORCES THAT STRIKE FOR FREEDOM

AND EQUALITY OF CITIZENSHIP IN NIGERIA," TO FIGHT AND DIE IF NECESSARY RATHER THAN COLLABORATE WITH "THOSE WHO SEEK TO OPPPRESS US." SOUTH-EASTERNERS HAVE NO QUARREL WITH IBOS GENERALLY, BUT IBO LEADERS HAVE SHOWN THAT "THEY WANT SLAVES, NOT ALLIES." THEREFORE, PEOPLE OF SOUTH EASTERN STATES MUST "GIRD THEIR LOINS" AND FIGHT. MATHEWS
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FOLLOWING TEXT SPEECH TO NATION BY LT COL ODUKEGWU OJUKWU
ON RADIO ENUGU AS HEARD LAGOS 1800 HOURS LOCAL JUNE 30:
QTE FELLOW COUNTRYMEN AND PEOPLE OF BIAFRA: IT IS A MONTH
TODAY SINCE WE TOOK THE IRREVOCABLE DECISION TO ASSERT
OUR AUTONOMY AND SOVEREIGNTY BY BECOMING THE REPUBLIC OF
BIAFRA. GOWON'S IMMEDIATE REACTION TO OUR DEVISION WAS A
VOW TO CRUSH US. SINCE THEN HE HAS CONSISTENTLY DESCRIBED

PAGE TWO RUDSLC 10820G UNCLAS

HIS DECISION AS IREVOCABLE. I HAVE CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE
THAT HE AND HIS NORTHERN BANDITS HAVE NOT FINALIZED THEIR
PLANS TO ATTACK US IN OUR HOMELAND. THEY HAVE TAKEN ALL
THIS TIME TO PREPARE AND ASSEMBLE AN ARMY. FOR ABOUT FOUR
WEEKS NOW, SHIPS ON THE HIGH SEAS BOUND FOR BIAFRAN PORTS
HAVE SCARED AWAY BY THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT LED BY GOWON.
AS A YOUNG NATION WE HAVE RESPECTED INTERNATIONAL LAW AND
CONVENTIONS WHICH GUARANTEE THE FREEDOM OF SHIPS
OF ALL NATIONS ON THE HIGH SEAS IN TIME OF PEACE. GOWON
HAS FLOUTED THOSE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS. WHILE WE
SHALL CONTINUE TO UPHOLD THEM, WE MUST FOR THE INTEREST OF
SURVIVAL DO EVERYTHING TO KEEP OUR PORTS OPEN. WE SHALL
HOLD OURSELVES READY TO EXERCISE OUR RIGHTS TO SELF
PRESERVATION WITH EFFECT FORTHWITH (?)

PAGE THREE RUDSLC 10820G UNCLAS

YESTERDAY GOWON PUBLISHED AND DISTRUBUTED CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR WAR. YESTERDAY HE AND HIS GANSTER CABINET DECIDED
THAT THE TIME HAD COME TO LAUNCH THE LONG AWAITED ATTACK

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ON BIAFRA. YESTERDAY GOWON BEGAN TROOP MOVEMENTS TO COMPLETE HIS CONCENTRATIONS MENACING OUR BORDERS. FURTHERMORE, HE HAS OPENLY INCITED CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THIS REPUBLIC TO INSURRECTION AND HAS TRIED TO SUBVERT THE LOYALTIES OF THE POLICE OF THIS REPUBLIC. REPORTS RELIABLY (CONFIRM ?) THAT HE HAS CONTINUED TO NEGOTIATE THE PASSAGE OF HIS TROOPS THROUGH A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY. I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE IT CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT ANY TERRITORY THROUGH WHICH GOWON-S TROOPS PASS SHALL BE CONSIDERED ENEMY TERRITORY.

FOLLOWING COUNTRYMEN AND WOMEN, WE HAVE ARRIVED AT ZERO HOUR. GOWON IS DETERMINED TO COME INTO OUR HOME AND TO DESTROY US, IN ORDER TO CARRY AWAY WHAT BELONGS TO US. THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE AND LYING PROPAGANDA CALCULATED TO PROMOTE ALARM, FRIGHTEN OUR PEOPLE AND SOW DISSENSION AMONG US HAS FAILED COMPLETELY.

GOWON FEELS THAT HE MUST PLAY THE LION (?) AND CARRY OUT HIS SUICIDAL THREATS TO LAUNCH A PHYSICAL ATTACK UPON US. I WANT YOU ALL TO REMAIN CALM AND DETERMINED AS YOU HAVE BEEN. OUR SOLDIERS ARE READY. WHILE THEY WILL BE FIGHTING IN FOREIGN LANDS, OUR CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATION--MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN -- MUST GUARD OUR HOMES.

IF GOWON SHOULD MAKE THE MISTAKE OF CROSSING INTO OUR TERRITORY, EVEN FOR A FEW YARDS, WE SHALL IMMEDIATELY GO INTO AN OPEN, OUTRIGHT AND TOTAL WAR AGAINST NIGERIA. OUR CONDUCT OF THE WAR WILL NOT BE CONFINED TO OUR TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES. WE SHALL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THAT THEY DO NOT REPEAT THEIR ADVENTURE OVER AGAIN. THIS WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO DO HONOR TO THE MEMORY OF THE THOUSANDS OF OUR KITH AND KIN SAVAGELY MURDERED LAST YEAR BY AVENGING THEIR DEATHS.

PAGE FIVE RUDSLC 10820G UNCLAS
IF THIS IS WHAT THE WORLD WANTS IN ORDER TO BE CONVINCED THAT WE ARE DETERMINED TO KEEP OUR SOVEREIGNTY, WE NOW EAGERLY AWAIT THE OPPORTUNITY OF GIVING THAT PROOF. WE SHALL NOT BE BLAMED FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF WHAT IS NOW IMMINENT. FOLLOW COUNTRYMEN, PROUD AND COURAGEOUS BIAFRANS, THIS IS YOUR MOMENT. WHEN WE GO TO WAR, IT WILL BE A WAR AGAINST NIGERIA, FOR IT IS NIGERIA THAT HAS VOWED TO (CRUSH US ?). WITH GOD ON OUR SIDE, WE SHALL VANQUISH. LONG LIFE THE REPUBLIC OF BIAFRA. UNQUOTE.

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1. HAVE JUST HEARD OJUKWU'S SPEECH ON ENUGU RADIO IN WHICH HE STATED "ZERO HOUR HERE"-- BIAFRA GOING TO WAR, ETC. IN EMB VIEWS TIME HAS COME TO EVACUATE TO ENUGU AT LEAST ALL USG EMPLOYEES, CONTRACT PERSONNEL, ETC. OUT OF NSUKKWL* ABAKALIKI. OGOJA AND NORTHERN TIER AREA IMMEDIATELY. OTHER AMQITS SHOULD BE ADVISED TO DO SAME. FULL TEXT SPEECH FOLLOWS SEPTEL.
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OIL SHIPMENT FROM BONNY AFTER LAGOS PRIOR-CLEARANCE PROCEDURE INITIATED THREE WEEKS AGO. PAYMENT MADE UPON BILLING BY NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY (NPA) IN LAGOS TO ELDER DEMPSTER (ED) WHICH ACTED AS SHIP'S AGENTS. ED CONFIRMS PAYMENT IN LAGOS AS REQUIRED BY RECENTLY GAZETTED CHANGE IN NPA REGULATIONS (LAGOS A-745).

2. PAYMENT IN LAGOS INDICATIVE OF OIL INDUSTRY'S WILLINGNESS ABIDE BY LAWS FEDERATION. AT SAME TIME, ED SOURCE INFORMS US OIL COMPANIES HAVE AGREED ALSO PAY HARBOR DUES IN PORT HARCOURT TO FORMER EASTERN REGION GOVT IN ORDER NOT RPT NOT JEOPARDIZE OIL EXPORTS FROM BONNY TERMINAL. HE CONFIRMS ED PAID HARBOR DUES TWICE WITH PRIOR AGREEMENT OIL COMPANIES, ALTHOUGH OIL INDUSTRY NOT KEEN ON PUBLICIZING IT AROUND LAGOS.

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1. LAST PARA STATE 10610 SUGGESTED EMBASSY CONSULT WITH MISSIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES HAVING CONSULATES IN EASTERN NIGERIA RE ACTION THEY PROPOSE TAKE REGARDING NIGERIAN NOTE (LAGOS 10326) INSTRUCTING CONSULATES CONCERNED NOT TO ISSUE VISAS TO NIGERIANS. IN COURSE EARLIER CONVERSATION EDWARD ENAHORO OF MINEXTAFF

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SAID GON NOTE HAD BEEN DRAFTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF CAMEROON VIEWS. CAMEROON GOVERNMENT DID WANT BE ABLE ACT ON BEHALF OF ITS CITIZENS IN EASTERN NIGERIA, AND NOTE ALLOWS THAT SERVICE TO CONTINUE BE PERFORMED. SINCE THEN, HOWEVER, CAMEROON CONSUL AND HIS FAMILY HAVE LEFT ENUGU AND RETURNED TO CAMEROON, THUS AVOIDING PROBLEM POSED BY NOTE ALTOGETHER.

2. BRITISH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSION IN ENUGU HAS STATUS DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF CONSULATES, AND UK DOES NOT HAVE CONSULAR CONVENTIONS WITH NIGERIA. BDHC DOES NOT ISSUE VISAS TO NIGERIANS BECAUSE OF SPECIAL COMMONWEALTH RELATIONSHIP. HOWEVER, BDHC DOES ISSUE ENTRH PERMITS TO UK WHICH ARE EQUIVALENT TO VISAS BUT UKHC LAGOS HAS TAKEN POSITION THAT DHC SHOULD STOP ISSUING ENTRY CERTIFICATES AND ALL CONNECTING WORK SUCH AS SENDING OUT APPLICATION FORMS, INTERVIEWING APPLICANTS, ETC.

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3. SPANISH AND DUTCH EMBASSIES LAGOS RECEIVED SIMILAR

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NOTES RE THEIR VICE CONSULS IN CALABAR AND PORT HARCOURT
RESPECTIVELY. SPANISH EMBASSY CONFIRMED YESTERDAY
THAT THEIR VICE CONSUL HAS LEFT CALABAR AND IS NOW
IN FERNANDO POO. DUTCH AMBASSADOR TODAY INFORMED
AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAS RECEIVED IN TRUCTION FROM THE
MAGUE NOT TO QUESTION AUTHORITY OF FMG TO REGULATE
ACTIVITIES OF CONSULS IN EASTERN NIGERIA. DUTCH
POSITION IS THAT FMG COULD WITHDRAW EXEQUATORS OF CONSULS
WHO PERSISTED IN TAKING ACTIONS NOT AUTHORIZED BY FMG.
DUTCH AMBASSADOR IS PREPARED REPLY TO FMG WITH SIMPLE
STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE AND AGREEMENT TO DO AS REQUESTED,
BUT HE AGREED NOT TO DO SO FOR FEW DAYS.

4. SINCE THERE ARE NO OTHER CONSULATES IN EASTERN
NIGERIA, FOREGOING SHOWS THAT USG ALONE IS PREPARED
TO CONTEST APPLICABILITY OF GON NOTE. UNDER THESE
CIRCUMSTANCES WE CONCLUDE AGAIN THAT IT BEST TO
LET MATTER REST AND TO AVOID SITUATION WHICH COULD
LEAD TO FURTHER RESTRICTION OR CLOSURE OF
ENUGU CONSULATE.

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1. LAGOS NEWSPAPERS GIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE JUNE 29 TO RECENT REMARKS BY CHIEF ENAHORO IN US, ONCE AT PRESS CONFERENCE AT UN, AGAIN AT INTERVIEW GIVEN WALL STREET JOURNAL. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS HERE, ENAHORO TOLD REPORTERS AT UN IF NIGERIA BREAKS UP "I CANNOT THINK OF ANY COUNTRY IN AFRICA WHICH WILL SURVIVE IN DUE COURSE." REPORTEDLY HE DENOUNCED AS INTERFERENCE IN NIGERIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS STATEMENT BY TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT THAT FORCE SHOULD BE ADJURED AS AS SOLUTION TO NIGERIA CRISIS.

HE SAID NO GOVT SHOULD TRY TO DICTATE TO FMG "WHAT MEANS IT SHOULD USE TO CRUSH REBELLION IN ITS OWN COUNTRY." ENAHORO ASSERTED THAT FMG RELUCTANT USE FORCE BUT DETERMINED END REBELLION. HE INSISTED OIL COMPANIES HAVE SIGNED CONTRACTS WITH FED GOVT, NOT EAST, AND SHOULD MAKE OIL PAYMENTS TO FMG. HE WARNED THAT, IF OIL COMPANIES THINKING OF PAYING BOTH FMG AND EAST, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THEM NOT CONTINUE CONTRIBUTING DOUBLE PRESENT AMOUNT WHEN SECESSION BROUGHT TO END. HE SUGGESTED COMPANIES WEIGHT CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH ACTION.

2. FMG PRESS RELEASE STATES ENAHORO TOLD "JOURNAL" JUNE 28 STATE MILITARY ACTIONS CAN NOT BE RULED OUT AGAINST EAST IF FMG BLOCKADE FAILS. HOWEVER, HE SAID ECONOMIC SANCTIONS REPORTED TO BE WORKING AS PLANNED. HE DEPICTED RECOGNITION OF EAST BY ANY COUNTRY AS ACT OF BETRAYAL OF NATION-BUILDING.

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HE SAID FMG WOULD CONSIDER DUAL OIL
PAYMENTS OR PAYMENT INTO SUSPENSE ACCOUNT AS BREACH OF
CONTRACT AND INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF NIGERIA.
HE REITERATED THAT IF A COMPANY DID THIS IT WOULD FACE
HAVING CONTINUE PAY TWICE PRESENT RATES ONCE COUNTRY
RETURNS TO NORMAL.

3. CREATION OF 12 STATES BY GOWON WAS. ENAHORO MAINTAINED,
RECEIVED THROUGHOUT NIGERIA WITH JUBILATION AND RELIEF.
FEAR OF DOMINATION BY ONE REGION NOW RULED OUT. HE CLAIMED
IBOS DID NOT LEAVE OTHER PART OF NIGERIA ON THEIR
OWN VOLITION BUT WERE "PRESSED AND CALLED TO EASTERN
CENTRAL STATE BY OJUKWU TO SATISFY HIS POLITICAL
AMBITION WHICH HE HAS NURSED BEFORE NOW." THIS
AND ECONOMIC BLOCKADE ARE CAUSING DISENCHANTMENT IN EAST.

4. "WEST AFRICAN PILOT" LEAD FOR STORY READS, "Z TANZANIA
TOLD TO LAY OFF". "MORNING POST" HEADLINE SAYS, "ENAHORO
WARNS AFRICAN NATIONS THEY ARE IN DANGER IF NIGERIA
BREAKS." "DAILY TIMES" LEADERS STATES, "IF EAST GOES
AFRICA MAY NOT SURVIVE."
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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 10713

1. FRANCIS NWOKEDI, REPRESENTATIVE OF SECESSIONIST EASTERN NIGERIA (BIAFRA), HAS VISITED PEKING RECENTLY ACCORDING TO EDWARD ENAHORO, UNDER SECRETARY AND THIRD RANKING OFFICIAL IN NIGERIAN MINATAFF. ENAHORO TOLD POL COUNSELOR VARIOUS EASTERNERS HAVE MADE REPEATED TRIPS TO EAST GERMANY AND EMPHASIZED CZECH ORIGIN OF WEAPONS OBTAINED BY EASTERNERS. THEN HE MADE FLAT STATEMENT THAT ACCORDING THEIR INFORMATION NWOKEDI HAD GONE PEKING RECENTLY. WHEN POL COUNSELOR SHOWED DISBELIEF

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ENAHORO DID NOT CITE FACTS OR DATES, BUT CLAIMED HIS INFORMATION RELIABLE.

2. POL COUNSELOR POINTED OUT FMG OFFICIALS VISITED COMMUNIST COUNTRIES RECENTLY, AND ASKED IF OGBU (PERMSEC OF EXTAFF) SUCCEEDED IN GETTING MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM SOVIETS DURING HIS TRIP TO MOSCOW. ENAHORO LAUGHED THAT OFF WITHOUT SPECIFIC ANSWER, BUT DID SAY THAT IF NIGERIA AIR FORCE HAD FAST ENOUGH FIGHTER PLANE THEY WOULD SHOOT DOWN THEIR JETS WHICH ARE BREAKING NIGERIAN LAWS BY OPERATING INTERNATIONALLY OUT OF ENUGU AND PORT HARCOURT.

3. PREVIOUSLY WHEN FMG OFFICIALS IMPLIED THAT EASTERN NIGERIANS WERE CONTACTING PEKING, EMBASSY REGARDED SUCH STATEMENTS AS PART OF THEIR PROPAGANDA WARFARE AGAINST "BIAFRA". THIS MAY STILL BE CASE BUT EMBASSY POINTS OUT THAT BOTH FMG AND EASTERNERS ARE GETTING SO DESPERATE THAT IT NOT IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE LIKE NWOKEDI TO HAVE GONE PEKING.

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4. NWOKEDI'S REGULAR PASSPORT, AND THOSE OF NUMBER OTHER
EASTERN NIGERIANS, HAS BEEN CANCELLED BY NOTE FROM

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MINEXTAFF DATED JUNE 21 (REPORTED LAGOS A-779). DIPLOMATIC
PASSPORTS OF SUCH PERSONS HAD BEEN CANCELLED SOME TIME AGO
BUT EACH OF THEM ALSO HAD REGULAR PASSPORT WHICH THEY
APPARENTLY USING WITHOUT MUCH DIFFICULTY.

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1. FMG ISSUED WARNING JUNE 27 TO NIGERIAN POLICE IN EASTERN STATES. IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT FMG DECLARED IT AWARE OF "FRANTIC EFFORTS" IN EAST "TO INCREASE STRENGTH OF NO. 3 SQUADRON OF NIGERIAN POLICE MOBILE FORCE." BECAUSE OF THIS, FMG WARNED ALL MEMBERS NPF, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN EAST, NOT RPT NOT TO OBEY "ANY ILLEGAL ORDERS AIMED AT THEIR MISUSE FOR MILITARY PURPOSES IN CONTRAVENTION OF CONSTITUTION OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AND THE POLICE

ACT." THOSE WHO DO NOT HEED WARNING WILL BE LIABLE UNDER NIGERIAN LAW TO FACE CHARGE OF LEVYING WAR AGAINST FEDERATION. FMG POINTED OUT POLICE CAN PERFORM MILITARY DUTIES ONLY BY EXPRESS AUTHORITY OF HEAD OF FMG.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT AIMED AT UNDERMINING ANY EFFORT BY OJUKWU USE POLICE MILITARILY. BRITISH BELIEVE OJUKWU INTENDS USE POLICE IN CALABAR AND OGOJA AREAS TO REPLACE ARMY TROOPS WHO COULD THEN BE USED TO STRENGTHEN EASTERN DEFENSE FORCES ALONG BORDER IN GENERAL AREA NORTH OF ENUGU. ANOTHER POSSIBLE REASON BEHIND ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE TO LET "GOOD" POLICEMEN KNOW FMG GIVING AT LEAST MORAL SUPPORT TO THEM IF THEY OBEY RULES AND REFUSE TAKE PART IN MILITARY DEFENSE OF EAST. MATHEWS.

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1. WHEN AMB WAS CALLED TO MINEXTAFF ON JUNE 23 HE MENTIONED TO ACTING PERMSEC EDWARD ENAHORO THAT EMBASSY HAD JUST RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS (REFTEL) ABOUT US CONSULAR ACTIVITIES IN ENUGU WHICH WE WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS WITH HIM. ENAHORO CANCELLED APPOINTMENT FOR POL COUNSELOR SEE HIM JUNE 24 IN ORDER BRIEF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS

NIGERIAN PROBLEM (LAGOS 10569).

2. ENAHORO HAS BEEN EXTREMELY BUSY BECAUSE PERMSEC OGBU HAS BEEN IN LONDON AND MOSCOW WHILE DEPUTY PERMSEC ADEGOROYE HAS BEEN ON TOUR OF EAST AFRICA. WHEN POL COUNSELOR SAW HIM JUNE 27 HE LISTENED THOUGHTFULLY TO PRINCIPAL POINTS OF DEPT'S CONCERN ABOUT LIMITING US CONSULAR ACTIVITIES IN ENUGU (REFTEL). MEMORANDUM GIVEN TO HIM QUOTED PERTINENT PARTS OF ARTICLES 3, 17 AND 27 OF US-UK CONSULAR CONVENTION OF 1952. EMPHASIS PLACED ON LEGAL RIGHT OF AMERICAN CONSUL IN ENUGU TO ISSUE QTE VISAS OR APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO PERSONS WISTONG TO TRAVEL TO SENDING STATE UNQTE. IT ALSO POINTED OUT THAT US UNDER CONVENTION HAS RIGHT TO MAINTAIN CONSULATE IN ANY PLACE WHERE ANY THIRD STATE POSSESSES CONSULATE.

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3. ENAHORO EXPLAINED SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH CAUSED FMG SEND NOTE DESCRIBED LAGOS 10326. HE AID THERE HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION WITHIN GOVT (FMG) ABOUT BEST WAY OF CONTROLLING FOREIGN TRAVEL BY EASTERN NIGERIANS WHO

ARE IN REBELLION AGAINST FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. EVIDENTLY STRONG VOICES IN FMG WANTED TO CLOSE ALL CONSULATES IN EAST BUT MORE MODERATE VOICES, SUCH AS ENAHORO'S, PREVAILED AND DECISION WAS MADE TO SEND NOTE DESCRIBED LAGOS 10326. THAT NOTE WAS DRAFTED CAREFULLY TO ALLOW CONSULATES IN EASTERN NIGERIA TO CONTINUE TO PROTECT INTERESTS THEIR NATIONALS. VERY SERIOUS, PRACTICAL PROBLEM FOR FMG IS THAT EASTERNERS HAVE BEEN TRAVELING ON NIGERIAN PASSPORTS, WITH VISAS OBTAINED IN ENUGU, IN ORDE

TO PURCHASE ARMS FOR BIAFRA AND TAKE OTHER ACTIONS IN DEFIANCE OF FEDELVL GOVERNMENT. IN FMG VIEW, SUCH ACTIONS MUST BE STOPPED FOR SAME REASONS OF NATIONAL EXISTENCE AS CAUSED FMG TO IMPOSE ECONOMIC BLOCKADE ON SECESSIONIST BIAFRA AND STOP ALL COMMUNICATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS INTO AND OUT OF EASTERN REGION.

4. IN SUMMARY, ENAHORO WAS NOT IMKRESSED BY LEGALITIES OF S VIEWS IN FACE FMG PROBLEM OF SUBDUING SECESSIONISTS. HE INTIMATED US INTERPRETATION OF CONVENTION SERVES TO AID ENEMIES OF NIGERIA. HE IMPLIED THAT IF US INSISTS, FMG MAY HAVE TO WITHDRAW AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSULAR OFFICERS TO

OPERATE IN EASTERN NIGERIA (HE SAID THIS IN TONE NOT SO MUCH OF ARGUING LEGAL POSITION AS SAYING FMG WILL, IF NECESSARY, FIND A WAY OO CLOSING DOWN CONSULATES). ENAHORO IS A RATHER MILD AND FRIENDLY PERSON WHO DID NOT SHOW ANIMOSITY. HOWEVER, HE STATED THEIR POSITION WITH SUCH DETERMINATION THAT IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY OTHER OFFICIALS IN SENIOR POSITIONS FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT WANTING TO CLOSE DOWN CONSULATES IN EAST. BUT HE AGREED TO CONSIDER MATTER AND POL COUNSELOR UNDERTOOK TO REPORT CONVERSATION.

5. IN EMBASSY VIEW, THIS PROBLEM HAS BECOME MORE POLITICAL THAN LEGAL BECAUSE FMG IS DETERMINED TO MINIMIZE EASTERN CONTACTS WITH OUTSIDE WORLD. THIS IS TO BE EXPECTED OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WHICH TAKING EASURES IT CONSIDERS

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NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PUT DOWN REBELLION IN ONE REGION.
THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT IN OUR MINDS THAT FMG IN PRESENT MOOD
WILL, IF CONSULATE BECOMES A THORN IN ITS SIDE, DEMAND THAT
WE CEASE OPERATIONS REGARDLESS OF LEGALITIES. WE HAVE SAID
OUR PIECE WITHOUT RESULTS AND CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT IT
BEST TO LET MATTER REST THERE TO AVOID SITUATION WHICH COULD

LEAD TO FURTHER RESTRICTION OR CLOSURE OF ENUGU CONSULATE.
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1. ZAMBIAN HICOM CALLED ON AMB TO INQUIRE AS TO TRUTH OF CLAIM BY EASTERN NIGERIAN REPRESENTATIVES TRAVELING ABROAD THAT USG HAD ASSURED GOVERNMENT OF BIAFRA THAT US RECOGNITION WOULD AUTOMATICALLY FOLLOW RECOGNITION BY ANY AFRICAN STATE. AMB REPLIED THAT USG HAD, OF COURSE, GIVEN NO SUCH ASSURANCE AND CLAIM WAS FALSE.

2. WHILE HICOM'S STRONG SYMPATHY FOR EAST APPARENT, HE ALSO GENUINELY DISTRESSED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS AT PROSPECT FIGHTING BETWEEN NMG AND EAST. IN DISCUSSING POSSIBILITIES OF AVERTING HOSTILITIES, HICOM OPINED RECOGNITION OF BIAFRA BY MAJOR POWER OFFERED BEST HOPE. HE SAID RECOGNITION BY MILITARILY WEAK AFRICAN STATES WOULD NOT DISSUADE FMG FROM ATTACKING EAST. AMB COMMENTED THAT HICOM SEEMED TO BE SUGGESTING THAT MAJOR POWER SHOULD RECOGNIZE BIAFRA AND OFFER TO PROTECT IT AGAINST FMG. AMB SAID HE DOUBTED ANY MAJOR POWER, AND CERTAINLY NOT US, WOULD SO INTERVENE IN AFRICAN PROBLEM.

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3. HICOM EXPRESSED GREAT DISCOURAGEMENT AT POSSIBILITY MEDIATION BY OTHER AFRICANS OR ANYONE ELSE. HE SAID OJUKWU SPECIFIED AS CONDITIONS FOR MEDIATION THAT BIAFRAN INDEPENDENCE AND HIS POSITION AS HEAD OF STATE MUST BE ACCEPTED. GOWON, ON OTHER HAND, TELLS WOULD-BE MEDIATORS THAT THEIR PROPER ROLE IS TO ADVISE OJUKWU TO RESCIND UDI AND ACCEPT NEW STATES.

4. DESPITE HIS PESSIMISM, HICOM SAID PLANS FOR HEADS OF STATE MEETING IN EAST AFRICA NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS NIGERIAN SITUATION PROCEEDING. KAUNDA WOULD BE PRESENT AND KENYATTA, NYERE AND OBOTE PRESUMABLY LINED UP. HICOM WAS NOT SURE ABOUT EMPEROR. HE REMARKED THAT CONGO KINSHASA AND BURUNDI MIGHT ALSO BE REPRESENTED.

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SUBJECT: BLOCKADE NOT APPLIED AT ASABA

EMBASSY COURIER WHO DELIVERED POUCHES TO ONITSHA JUNE 23
OBSERVED FOLLOWING:

A) RIVER TRAFFIC BETWEEN ASABA AND ONITSHA VERY BRISK.
PASSENGER TRAFFIC INCLUDES EASTERNERS RETURNING WITH
HOUSEHOLD GOODS, BUT IS CHIEFLY TRADERS FROM BOTH SIDES
OF RIVER. GOODS MOVING FROM ONITSHA TO ASABA INCLUDE
CEMENT AND SOAP. STOCKFISH SAID TO BE AMONG ITEMS SHIPPED
FROM EAST TO WEST ALTHOUGH COURIER SAW NO EVIDENCE OF THIS.
WIDE VARIETY OF GOODS GOING EAST RANGE FROM TEXTILES AND

SPARE PARTS TO FLOUR FROM MILL IN LAGOS. BRIBES TO
OFFICIALS ADD TO COST OF DOING BUSINESS. DOUBTFUL THAT
CATTLE ARE CROSSING AT ASABA ALTHOUGH PRESENCE OF HERDS
ON MID-WEST BANK IMPLY THEY BEING GOT ACROSS SOMEWHERE.
B) CURRENCY CONTROL ON EASTERN BANK VERY THOROUGH,
BUT NO APPARENT CONTROL OF GOODS BOUGHT IN EAST AND CARRIED
BACK TO MID-WEST BY INDIVIDUALS. GENERAL EXPECTATION AMONG
BOAMEN ON ASABA SIDE IS THAT TRADE WILL BE STOPPED SHORTLY,
ALTHOUGH POLICE SAID THEY HAD NO PLANS TO THIS EFFECT.
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1. LAGOS 10567 IS LATEST INFO. SITUATION REPORTED CALM AND QUIET IN ALL AREAS.

2. LAGOS 10452. NO FURTHER CHANGES IN LOCATIONS OF PCVS. MOE GONN REFUSES TO MOVE PCVS FROM AREA AT THIS TIME ON THE BASIS OF NO DANGER. PC ON TOP OF SITUATION.

3. LAGOS 10385. PARA 1. ALL PCVS LISTED HAVE RETURNED TEMPORARILY TO ASSIGNMENTS EXCEPT S. VINCENT, K. WEBSTER AND A. WEBSTER (TERMINATING NORMALLY) AND D. RICE (REASSIGNED); AFTER THOROUGH BRIEFING ON SITUATION AND E&E PLANS.

4. PCVS IN DEGEMA AND YENOGOA (6) BEING W/DRAWN TEMPORARILY (ONE TERMINATING AND THE OTHERS BEING REASSIGNED). PCV BROWN W/DRAWN FROM OUBRA (ABAKALIKI- NOT IN DANGER BUT ISOLATED AND DIFFICULT TO CONTACT). EFFORTS BEING MADE TO

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LOCATE AVAILABLE VEHICLES SO AS TO MAXIMIZE COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT ABILITIES OF PCVS IN AFFECTED AREAS.

5. REF LAGOS 10332.

(A) PARA 1. PCVS BY LOCATION IN EAST:

ABA - 11 ABAKALIKI - 15
AWKA - 14 CALABAR - 2
EKET - 2 NUGU - 25 (12 TEMPORARY)
OGOJA - 1 OJI RIVER - 8
ONITSHA - 10 OPOBO - 3
OWERRI - 18 PORT HARCOURT - 6
UYO - 6 YENOGOA - 0
(OUTSIDE EAST - 3).

ANNANG - 11
DEGEMA - 0
NSUKKA - 7
OKIGWI - 3
ORLU - 6
UMUAHIA - 8

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(B) PARA 2. PCVS IN POSSIBLE DANGER AREAS:
ABAKALIKI - 7 NSUKKA - 7 SOUTH OF BENUE - 5 (BENUE - 3 AND
KABBA - 2). NAMES OF THESE ARE SET OUT IN LAGOS 10432,
PARA 2 (B) (PCVS AT KATSINA ALA AND TAKUM NOT RPT NOT
CONSIDERED IN DANGER AREA).

6. LTRS TO PARENTS OF ALL PCVS IN AREAS OTHER THAN EAST
SENT BY PC/N ON 22 JUNE. (COPIES POUCHED TO PC/W).
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1. TENSION AMONG IBOS IN LAGOS, AND OTHER NIGERIANS

AS WELL, HAS RISEN IN RECENT DAYS AS FMG HAS MADE USE OF DECREE EMPOWERING ANY POLICEMAN OR MEMBER ARMED FORCES ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT ANY PERSON SUSPECTED "UPON REASONABLE GROUNDS OF HAVING COMMITTED ANY OFFENSE" (REFTEL).

2. FROM RELIABLE SOURCES EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NUMBER OF REPORTS OF ARRESTS OF NIGERIANS, MOSTLY EASTERNERS AND OF THEM CHIEFLY IBOS. ACCORDING SOURCES, INCREASE IN ARRESTS OF EASTERNERS BEGAN AT LEAST A WEEK BEFORE DECREE PROMULGATED JUNE 22 (DECREE MADE RETROACTIVE TO JUNE 1). IN ADDITION, EMBASSY INFORMED THAT SOLDIERS IN LORRIES MOUNTED HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SEARCH JUNE 22 ALONG IKORODU ROAD, DENSELY POPULATED QUARTER OF LAGOS, AND TOOK IBOS FROM HOUSES TO ARMY BARRACKS. ONE OF INDIVIDUAL ARRESTS TOOK PLACE IN KANO JUNE 24 WHEN SOLDIERS SEIZED IBO STEWARD ON BOAC JET AFTER IT ARRIVED THERE FROM LONDON.

3. OVER WEEKEND MIDDLE-GRADE CIVIL SERVANT OF CALABAR

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ORIGIN TOLD EMBOFF THAT ABOUT 30 EFIKS ROUNDED UP RECENTLY. HE INTIMATED 30 WERE NOT LOYAL TO FMG, SAID HE NOT WORRIED PERSONALLY BECAUSE "WE HAVE STRONG CALABAR UNION " AND "WE KNOW WHO IS LOYAL".

4. NO MATTER HOW SELECTIVE PLANNED ARRESTS MAY BE, GIVING EVERY SOLDIER AND POLICEMAN POWER OF ARREST LIKELY LEAD TO SERIOUS ABUSE AND INCREASED TENSION. IT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY PAY OFF OLD SCORES, AND ARRESTS CAN ALSO RESULT FROM UNFOUNDED ACCUSATIGLS OR MALICIOUS GOSSIP.

5. IN POSSIBLY RELATED EVENT, LAGOS PRESS JUNE 24 RPEORTED PRESS INTERVIEW GIVEN BY CHIF JIJOLE OKEREKZXN WHO SAID HE "LEADER OF OVER 15,000 IBOS IN LAGOS STILL LOYAL" TO FMG. OKEREKE CLAIMED NNAMDI AZIKIWE HAS LEFT NIGERIA IN WAKE PRESENT CRISIS AND THAT K.O. MBADIWE, FORMER FEDERAL MINISTER AVIATION, UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN EAST. OKEREKE ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING MORE THAN 6,000 PEOPLE IMPRISONED BY BIAFRA REGIME FOR DISLOYALTY AND MORE THAN 75 PERCENT POPULATION IN EASTERN STATES OPPOSES QJUKWU. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE ATTENDED EASTERN CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY MEETING IN ENUGU WHICH VOTED FOR UDI AND WAS SURPRISED FIND SOMEONE ELSE HAD SIGNED HIS NAME TO RESOLUTION.

6 COMMENT: WHILE OKEREKE'S PRO-FMG STATEMENT MIGHT TAKE SOME PRESSURE OFF REMAINING IBOS, INDICATIONS ARE THAT HE MERELY TOOL BEING USED BY FMG FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEE WHO KNOWS OKEREKE WELL SAYS HE NOT RPT NOT LEADER OF LAGOS IBOS OR ANYONE ELSE FOR THAT MATTER. HE FORMER FUNCTIONARY OF NCNC WHO MADE LIVING FROM "DASH" GIVEN HIM BY PERSONS WHO WANTED EXPORT AND IMPORT LICENSES. UNEMPLOYED SINCE JANUARY 1966 COUP, HE BEATEN UP BY SOLDIERS DECEMBER 1966. FEAR OR CHANCE OF PECUNIARY GAIN COULD HAVE MOTIIVATED HIS STATEMENT. WIDE PUBLICTY GIVEN HIS STATEMENT IN LAGOS, IBADAN AND KADUNA PAPERS SHOWS FMG USING IT FOR

PROPAGANDA PURPOSES, WHETHER OR NOT IT REASSURES SOME IBOS OUTSIDE OF EAST.

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1. REFERENCES:

- A. AMCONSUL KADUNA MESSAGES 853 AND 855 JUNE 25. (DIA AND CINCSRIKE ADDRESSEE).
- B. MESSAGES REF A, CONTINUE INDICATIONS FMG BUILDUP SOUTH

OF BENUE PROGRESSING STEADILY AND SIGNIFICANTLY. IN ADDITION
INFO REF MSGS, IT KNOWN FROM REPORTS AMCONSUL KADUNA AND
OTHER SOURCES REPORTING FROM NORTH THAT:

A. ONLY SKELETON REAR ECHELON STAFF REMAINS HQ FIRST AREA
COMMAND KADUNA. KADUNA ITSELF GIVER IMPRESSION HAVING RE-
VERTED TRAINING ACTIVITIES. SAME GENERAL IMPRESSION
GAINED FROM PERSONNEL WHO HAVE RECENTLY VISITED ZARIA. TROOPS
BOTH THESE AREAS EQUIPPED NEW AUTOMATIC RIFLES AND WELL
DRESSED NEW FATIGUE UNIFORMS. SOME WORE CAMOUFLAGE TYPE
FATIGUE UNIFORM.

B. MR. W. MORRIS, TIMES OF LONDON CORRESPONDENT (PROTECT
SOURCE) TOLD U.K. DEFENSE ADVISOR MORNING 26 JUNE THAT ON
HIS VISIT MAKURDI, OTURKPO AND GBOKO ON 23 AND 24 JUNE
ROAD FROM KADUNA TO MAKURDI SEEMED IN GOOD CONDITION. HE DROVE IN

HOLDEN STATION WAGON AND HAD NO DIFFICULTY.

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C. ENOUGH CONFIRMATORY REPORTS HAVE NOW BEEN RECEIVED SO THAT DATT NOW ACCEPTS SECOND BN IN AREA SOUTH OF BENUE HAS MOVED FROM OTURKPO TO VICINITY SMALL TOWN KATSINA ALA, AND APPROX 15 MILES NORTH EASTERN REGION BORDER AT OBUDU

(SCENE RECENT CLASH BETWEEN FMG AND EASTERN FORCES). FURTHER INDICATIONS ARE THAT ALL OR ELEMENTS OF FIRST FIELD BATTERY MIGHT ALSO BE IN VICINITY ADIKPO ALONG WITH ELEMENTS (POSSIBLY ONE TROOP OF SIX FERRETS) OF SECOND RECCE SQUADRON. IF THIS SO, AND WE ACCEPT SECOND BN WITH SOME SUPPORT IS IN THIS LOCATION, IT MEANS FOURTH BN WHICH WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED THIS LOCATION HAS GIVEN WAY TO SECOND BN. IF SECOND SUPPORTED SUBSTANTIALLY BY ARTILLERY AND RECCE UNITS THIS COULD BE ONE INDICATOR THAT SECOND WILL MAKE MOVE INTO OGOJA AREA IF AND WHEN ATTACK COMES. WITH SECOND ACCEPTED IN EAST OF SECTOR AND FIFTH ACCEPTED FIRMLY IDAH AREA QUESTION ARISES LOCATION FOURTH BN, IF NO OTHER BN PRESENT GENERAL OPERATIONAL AREA IT WOULD INDICATE THAT TROOPS SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST OTURKPO COULD VERY WELL BE FOURTH BN WHICH MIGHT HAVE EXCHANGED POSITIONS AND MISSION WITH SECOND BN. SOURCE MORRIS, QUOTED ABOVE, HOWEVER, ON 24 JUNE WAS QUOTE QUITE CERTAIN UNQUOTE APOLO, COMMANDER FOURTH BN, HAD HIS

HQ AT MAKURDI ALONG WITH AREA COMMAND FWD HQ. IF THIS SO, FOURTH MAY HAVE PURELY DEFENSIVE OR BLOCKING ROLE SOUTH OF OTURKPO AND/OR RESERVE ROLE. AS OF NOW DATT ACCEPTS FIFTH

AND SECOND AS INDICATED ABOVE WITH POSSIBILITY FOURTH NOW IN CENTER. ACTUAL LOCATION AND POTENTIAL ROLE FOURTH WILL HAVE TO BE LOOKED AT MORE CLOSELY HOWEVER, IN THIS CONNECTION, IT NOT ENTIRELY UNLIKELY THAT CURRENTLY UNIDENTIFIED UNITS ARE ALSO IN AREA POSSIBLE OPERATIONS SOUTH OF MAKURDI. WITH ALL OF MOVEMENT REPORTED CONTINUING INTO AREA, IT WOULD ALMOST HAVE TO INDICATE SIZEABLE TROOP PRESENCE IN AREA. FIGURE OF TEN THOUSAND HAS BEEN USED FOR TROOPS STRENGTH IN AREA BY SOME SOURCES; AND ON 25 JUNE, LTC M.O. JOHNSON, MEMBER SMC AND MIL GOVERNOR LAGOS STATE, TOLD DATT HE THOUGHT THERE QUOTE EQUIV OF EIGHT REPEAT EIGHT FMG INF BNS UNQUOTE IN OPERATIONAL AREA OR IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO SHUVA AREA. JOHNSON IDENTIFIED THESE AS SECOND, FOURTH AND FIFTH BNS; THREE UNNUMBERED BNS WHICH HAD BEEN QTE

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RAISED IN NORTH SECRETLY UNQUOTE (PRIOR REPORTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED ON THESE POSSIBLE UNITS) AND TWO RESERVE BNS RECENTLY RAISED AND EQUIPPED.
D. WITH RESPECT TROOP STRENGTH FMG, U.K. DEFENSE ADVISOR HAS REPORT FROM KADUNA THAT RELIABLE BRITISH EXPAT WORKING IN GOVT AND INVOLVED WITH MIL FOR PROVISION GENERAL SERVICES

ESTIMATED THAT MORE THAN 6000 RESERVISTS HAD BEEN MUSTERED AND FITTED OUT IN NORTH ALONE. HE GAVE THESE SPECIFIC FIGURES; 3000 KADUNA, 2000 ZARIA AND 1000 ELSEWHERE IN NORTH. IN LIGHT FACT OTHER KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES NIGERIAN ARMY HAVE USED TOTAL FIGURE 7000 RESERVISTS MUSTERED INTO DATE, NO REASON QUESTION AUTHENTICITY EXPATS FIGURES.
E. IN CONNECTION WITH FIRST FIELD BATTERY SOUTH BENUE RIVER, BRITISH HAVE REPORT DATED TODAY, 26 JUNE; WITH SOURCE LT. SEDENU, COMMANDER SECOND FIELD BATTERY IBADAN THAT BATTERY WAS ORDERED ON THURSDAY 22 JUNE TO MOVE IMMEDIATELY TO IDAH FOR DEPLOYMENT ALONG EASTERN BORDER WITH HQ IDAH. LACK OF TRANSPORT HAS DELAYED MOVE BUT ADVANCE PARTY TEN FLOWN MAKURDI AND THENCE IDAH ON 23 JUNE. REMAINDER BATTERY WILL DEPART IBADAN FOR IDAH ON OR BEFORE 28 JUNE. FIELD PIECES WILL BE TRANSPORTED THREE TON BEDFORD LORRIES TWO PER LORRY. SEDENU'S ORDERS ARE TO REMAIN TWO MILES BEHIND INFANTRY WHEN HOSTILITIES BREAK OUT. SEDENU EXPRESSED LACK CONFIDENCE IN 40 YORUBA'S HIS BATTERY AND HAS ORDERED THEY BE EMPLOYED IN FATIGUE AND AMMO PARTY DUTIES.
F. OVER LAST SEVERAL DAYS MILITARY HOSPITAL KADUNA HAS BEEN

URGENTLY PRODUCING NUMBER MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR SHIPMENT MAKURDI. MORRIS SAID THAT THERE WAS FMG MEDICAL UNIT LOCATED MAKURDI.
G. MORRIS ALSO SAID ELEMENTS FIRST ENGINEER SQUADRON STATIONED MAKURDI WITH DISPOSITION BOTH ENDS BRIDGE. MORRIS OBSERVED STRINGENT ANTI-SABOTAGE PROVISIONS IN EFFECT ON BRIDGE. AT MAKURDI AIRSTRIP THERE WERE TWO NIGERIAN AIR FORCE PIAGGIO TRAINERS AND ONE DORNIER (DO-27) TRAINER.
4. NIGERIAN NAVY. AT PRESENT NIGERIAN NAVY EMPLOYING FIVE SHIPS BLOCKADE MOUTH BONNY AND CROSS RIVERS. NNS NIGERIA WORKS WITH ONE SDB ONE PATROL AND NNS OGOJA WITH TWO SDB'S WORKS OTHER PATROL. ONE PATROL OR OTHER HAS BEEN ON STATION CONTINUOUSLY SINCE 12 JUNE AND NAVY CLAIMS NO SHIPPING HAS

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ENTERED EITHER PORT SINCE THAT DATE. BOTH OGOJA AND NIGERIA CAPABLE OPERATION UP TO TWO WEEKS ON STATION BUT PLANS, NOW THAT ROUTINES HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT, ARE TO HAVE EACH PATROL DO SEVEN DAYS ON STATION. ALL FIVE SHIPS UTILIZED IN PATROLS ARE RADAR EQUIPPED. STANLEY GRAY, SHELL BP, TOLD UK HICOM COMMISSIONER THAT ON 22 JUNE NIGERIAN NAVY STOPPED ONE HIW WORK BOATS WELL INSIDE EASTERN WATERS NEAR BONNY

CHANNEL AND ORDERED IT TO LEAVE. GRAY SAID EXPATS TREATED COURTEOUSLY BUT CREW ROUGHED UP. GRAY SAID HE HAD TOLD OJUKWU OF INCIDENT AND THAT OJUKWU APPEARED NOT TO KNOW OF INCIDENT. OJUKWU SAID, HOWEVER, HE BEING VERY PATIENT IN FACE FMG PROVOCATIONS BUT THAT HE WOULD "REACT AGAINST RIDICULOUS LITTLE NAVY IF IT WENT TOO FAR".
5. WITH REFERENCE QUERY IN REF 1B, ABOVE, DEP IG NIGERIA POLICE OMO BARE, MEMBER OF SUPREME MIL COUNCIL, NATIVE BENIN AREA TOLD DATT, AS RESULT TRIP TO BENING AREA, NO NORTHERN TROOPS STATIONED ASABA. HE SAID ONLY MIDWESTERN FORCES STATION IN MID-WESTP AT PRESENT. HE ESTIMATED UNQUOTE. THIS CONFIRMED BY EMBASSY OFFICER FROM PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS ASABA AREA LATE LAST WEEK. EMBASSY OFFICER SAW NO NORTHERN TROOPS IN AREA AND ESTIMATED APPROX TWO HUNDRED TOOPS IN VICINITY. GP-3.

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- RSR PAGE 2 RUTALS 10586CC C O N F I D E N T I A L
RSC 1. ARIKPO AND ADEGOROYE RETURNED LAGOS LAST NIGHT (JUNE 25).
ARIKPO TOLD REPORTERS AT AIRPORT THAT EAST AFRICAN
GOVTS ASSURED THEM THEY RECOGNIZE ONLY FMG. ARIKPO SAID MISSION
SUCCESSFUL AND THAT EA RPT EA HEADS OF STATE WILL MEET IN
NAIROBI EARLY JULY TO DISCUSS NIGERIAN SITUATION. HOWEVER,
HE ADDED, EA PRESIDENTS AWARE NIGERIAN CRISIS IS NIGERIAN
INTERNAL AFFAIR AND THEY WILL OFFER SUGGESTIONS ONLY IF
"WE ARE READY TO ACCEPT THEM."
2. "WE HAVE NO RPT NO OBJECTION," HE SAID, "TO OUR FRIENDS
DISCUSSING THE SITUATION AND OFFERING SUGGESTIONS FOR A SOLUTION
PROVIDED THEY KEEP IN MIND THAT THEY ARE DEALING EXCLUSIVELY
WITH THE FEDERAL GOVT AND NOT RPT NOT ANY SUBORDINATE UNIT."
HE TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE MADE THIS SAME POINT TO HAILE SELASSIE
WHEN HE MET WITH EMPEROR IN ADDIS.
3. ARIKPO SAID HE WILL FLY TO KINSHASA JUNE 29 TO SEE PRESIDENT
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4. ARIKPO'S ASSURANCE RE MEETING EA PRESIDENTS EARLY JULY HAS NOT RPT NOT, TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, BEEN SUBSTANTIATED YET BY EA GOVTS, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF TIME LAG IN COMMUNICATIONS. HE WILLINGNESS SEE MEETING TAKE PLACE PROBABLY DOES NOT RPT NOT REFLECT FEELING OF MINEXTAFF OR TOP LEVEL OF FMG. EXTAFF OFFICIAL (EDWARD ENAHORO), IN BACKGROUND COMMENTS TO PRESS JUNE 24

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MADE IT CLEAR THAT FMG REGARDED KAPWEPWE MISSION DISDAINFULLY, AND THAT FMG DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE CONFERENCE OF EA PRESIDENTS WOULD ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING AT THIS TIME (REFTEL). MOREOVER, ACCORDING CAS REPORT FMG IN FACT VIEWS POSSIBLE EFFORT AT MEDIATION SOON BY OTHER AFRICAN STATES AS ONE REASON FEDERAL FORCES MUST MARCH AGAINST EAST WITHIN FEW DAYS.
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1. GUESSING GAME AS TO IF AND WHEN FMG LIKELY INITIATE MIL ACTION AGAINST REBELLIOUS EASTERN REGION CONTINUES. ONCE AGAIN, QUOTE THIS IS THE WEEK UNQUOTE. ON SATURDAY 24 JUNE DEP IS NIGERIA POLICE T. GAO DARE, MEMBER SUPREME MIL COUNCIL, DURING COURSE LONG CONVERSATION DATT'S HOME, IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTION ON IMMEDIATE MIL ACTION SAID QUOTE I DO NOT PERSONALLY BELIEVE THINGS CAN GO ON THIS

MAY VERY MUCH LONGER; I WOULD NOT BE AT ALL SURPRISED SEE ACTION INITIATED BEFORE NEXT WEEK IS OUT UNQUOTE. ON SUNDAY 25 JUNE LTC H.O. JOHNSON, MEMBER SUPREME MIL COUNCIL, MIL GOVERNOR LAGOS STATE; DURING COURSE LONG CONVERSATION WITH DATT IN JOHNSON'S HOME, AGAIN IN RESPONSE LEADING QUESTION, SAID QUOTE IT COULD COME ANY TIME NOW, I FEEL IT IS CLOSE UNQUOTE. BASIC PROBLEM EVALUATING THIS TYPE INFORMATION LIES IN FACT ALTHOUGH BOTH SOURCES MEMBERS SUPREME COUNCIL WITH DAILY ACCESS GOWON, IT SEEMED TO DATT NEITHER REALLY ACTUALLY CERTAIN THAT FIRM DATE FOR MILITARY MOVE HAD BEEN SET, ALTHOUGH BOTH THOUGHT IT IMMINENT AND NEITHER SEEMED HAVE DOUBTS MIL ACTION WOULD ACTUALLY TAKE PLACE. DATT'S FRODOG ON THIS POINT LEADS HIM BELIEVE DECISION RESTS WITH GOWON ALONE. THIS IS SO BECAUSE BOTH SOURCES REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT FIRM DECISIONS ON WHEN COURSE ACTION RESTED WITH GOWON AND GOWON ALONE. IN EFFECT, BOTH SAID, GOWON GETTING AND LISTENING MUCH ADVICE, BUT DECISIONS ON WHAT. NOW

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1. PAST WEEK HAD PROVIDED MANY SIGNS ACCELERATED BUILDUP MILITARY FORCES IN BENUE.
2. COLONEL SHUWA, COMMANDER, ONE AREA COMMAND (NORTHERN STATES) RELIABLY REPORTED TO HAVE MOVED HIS HEADQUARTERS TO BENUE.

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3. RELIABLE REPORTS RECEIVED FROM SEVERAL AMERICAN AND BRITISH OBSERVERS THAT TROOP TRAINS LEAVING KADUNA FOR SOUTH ALMOST DAILY. CONFIRMED THAT ANOTHER TROOP TRAIN LEFT KADUNA LAST NIGHT WITH SEVERAL HUNDRED TROOPS ON BOARD.
4. GREATLY INCREASED MOVEMENT TRUCK CONVOYS BOTH FROM KANO AND KADUNA SOUTHBOUND CARRYING FUEL, SUPPLIES, AND MEN. UNABLE ESTABLISH WHETHER BULK OF FIFTH BN HAS MOVED SOUTH OR NOT BUT SOME UNITS MAY BE HERE IN KADUNA.
5. THOUGH THERE MAY STILL BE SEVERAL HUNDRED MEN IN TRAINING IN KADUNA, IT NOW CLEAR THAT MANY HAVE TERMINATED INITIAL TRAINING OR RE-TRAINING HERE AND HAVE MOVED SOUTH. SOLDIER'S LETTER TO USIS STAFF MEMBER CONFIRMS PRESENCE UNIT OF SECOND BN AT ADIKPO (TIV DIVISION) ONLY TWENTY MILES FROM OBUDU ON EAST BORDER. SOLDIER'S LETTER SAID UNIT OF 4TH BN HAD BRUSH WITH EAST FORCES RECENTLY AT UNSPECIFIED LOCATION. SAID 4TH BN PLATOON "AMBUSHED" BUT ESCAPED WITHOUT CASUALTIES THEN RETURNED WITH

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REINFORCEMENTS AND, AFTER WITHDRAWAL EAST FORCES, PICKED UP
UNSPECIFIED EQUIPMENT.

6. AIR FORCE PERSONNEL HAVE REPLACED ARMY GUARDING KADUNA
AIRPORT EXCEPT FOR ONE SALADIN MANNED BY ARMY WHICH HAS REPLACED
RECOILLESS RQFLE AT AIRPORT.

7. SEVERAL KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE INCLUDING UKHC OFFICER AND
CAMEROON CONSUL HAVE EXPRESSED OPINION FIGHTING LIKELY BEGIN
THIS WEEK OR EVEN NEXT FEW DAYS.

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1. UKDHC LAIRD TOLD ME TODAY HE HAS REPORTS WHICH LEAD HIM BELIEVE THAT, FOLLOWING LAST WEEK HEAVY MOVEMENTS TROOPS TO

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SOUTH, FMG MAY HAVE UP TO TEN THOUSAND TROOPS IN BENUE. HE SAYS COMMAND HQ NOW DEFINITELY LOCATED MAKURDI AND SECOND BN HQ AT ADIKPO. LOCATION FOURTH BN HQ NOT KNOWN. COULD BE OTURKPO WHERE LAIRD SAYS SEVERAL SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE HOUSES COMMANDEERED FOR QUARTERS.

2. LAIRD SAYS HE HAS INFORMED HICOM REPORTS OF OFFICERS CONVERSATIONS OVER PAST WEEK INDICATE FMG PLANS TWO PRONG STRIKE INTO OGOJA PROVINCE. MAJOR MOVE TO BE SOUTH FROM ADIKPO AREA THROUGH OBUDU AND POSSIBLY QGOJA TOWN. THIS MOVE MIGHT BE INTENDED GO AS FAR AS IKOM BUT, IN ANY CASE, WOULD CHANGE DIRECTION MOVEMENT FROM SOUTH TO WEST AND MOVE THROUGH OBUBRA AND ABAKALIKI TO ATTACK ENUFU FROM EAST. LAIRD SAYS REPORTS INDICATE FMG RESERVISTS HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE MOVED THROUGH CAMEROON TO WESTERN BORDER AREA WITH OGOJA IN ORDER STRIKE EAST SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH ATTACK ON OBUDU FRONT AND JOIN UP AND MOVE TOGETHER TOWARD ABAKALIKI AND ENUGU.

3. LAIRD SAYS REPORTS INDICATE FMG OFFICERS "VERY CONFIDENT, OVER CONFIDENT". SHOULD FMG FORCES GET BLOODY NOSE, LAIRD

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BELIEVES US AND UK COULD BE ACCUSED BY NORTHERNERS OF HAVING AIDED EAST ALONG LINES STORY US AND UK AIDED ISRAEL. LAIRD SAYS UAR ACCUSATION THAT US AND UK AIDED ISRAEL WIDELY BELIEVED IN NORTH AND COULD BE TRANSFORMED NEATLY INTO ACCUSATION US/UK/ISRAEL SUPPORT FOR EAST IF FMG FORCES DEFEATED.

4. LAIRD SAID HASSAN KATSINA REPORTED IN HOSPITAL FOR MEDICAL CHECKUP BUT HE DID NOT KNOW REASONS FOR THIS, IF REPORT TRUE.

5. LAIRD SPOKE WITH AKILU THIS MORNING. LATTER DEPRESSED AND UNHAPPY. IN REPLY LAIRD'S QUESTION WHAT HE SHOULD DO ABOUT UKCITS IN SOUTH BENUE, AKILU REPLIED: "GET THEM ALL OUT OF THERE". NEVERTHELESS LAIRD STILL RELUCTANT ORDER UKCITS OUT. HE FEELS HE WILL HAVE TO SEND TWO HICOM TEAMS TO AREA IN ORDER ASSIST WITH EVACUATION AND HE AFRAID THEIR PRESENCE THERE AT MOMENT OF OPENING CONFLICT COULD BE INTERPRETED AS UK EFFORT IN SUPPORT OF FMG AND NORTH. HE ALSO RELUCTANT ACT, EVEN IN FACE LIKELIHOOD IMMINENT MILITARY ACTION, BECAUSE WITHDRAWAL

UKCITS WOULD MEAN "WHOLESALE CLOSING OF SCHOOLS" WHICH HE FEARS MIGHT BE INTERPRETED BY NORTHERN AUTHORITIES AS GROSS INTERFERENCE IN GOVERNMENT'S OPERATIONS. HE SAID HE THINKS HE WILL ADVISE PEOPLE ONLY "KEEP THEIR HEADS DOWN".
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1) SECOND CONSECUTIVE SATURDAY PRESS BRIEFING FOR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS HELD LAGOS JUNE 24. OF THE SEVERAL HIGH-RANKING CIVIL SERVANTS AT BRIEFING, ALLISON AYIDA, PERMSEC, MIN ECON DEVELOPMENT, AND EDWARD ENAHORO, UNDER SEC ADMIN AFFAIRS, MINEXTAFF, DID MOST TALKING, AND MUCH OF WHAT THEY SAID WAS OFF RECORD.

2) AYIDA CLAIMED ECONOMIC BLOCKADE OF EASTERN NIGERIA "VERY EFFECTIVE" AND SAID STOCKS OF GOODS NEARLY DEPLETED IN MAJOR STORES PORT HARCOURT. PRICES IN EAST HAVE GONE UP, THOUGH NOT ALARMINGLY. AYIDA ACKNOWLEDGED IT DIFFICULT ENFORCE BLOCKADE COMPLETELY BECAUSE IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE STOP ILLICIT TRADE ACROSS NIGER. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, TRANS-NIGER TRAFFIC NO SUBSTITUTE FOR SEA TONNAGE. HE SAID THAT SOONER OR LATER BUSINESSMAN MUST MAKE UP MIND WHICH SIDE HE GOING TO DO BUSINESS WITH, AND ADDED POINTEDLY, "WE CAN CLOSE DOWN HIS BUSINESS ON THIS SIDE BUT HAVE NOT HAD TO DO THIS YET."

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3) AYIDA SAID ECONOMIC WARFARE ONLY ONE OF MANY MEASURES FMG EMPLOYING AGAINST EAST. MILITARY OPERATIONS INEVITABLE UNLESS OJUKWU FOLDS, WHICH, HE ADDED, IS UNLIKELY.

4) ABOUT 30 TRUCK LOADS OF FOODSTUFFS RECENTLY CONFISCATED IN LAGOS AND MID-WEST AS THEY BEING DRIVEN TO EAST. ARMY KEPT FOOD AND VEHICLES, WHICH REPAINTED IN ARMY COLOR.

5) AYIDA SAID OJUKWU'S DECREE ON OIL PAYMENTS ADDS NOTHING NEW TO SITUATION. COMPANIES SIGNED EXISTING OIL AGREEMENTS WITH FED GOVT. HE CONFIRMED OIL REVENUE FIGURE PAYABLE IN JULY WILL BE BETWEEN SIX AND SEVEN MILLION POUNDS STERLING. BECAUSE OF CONTRACTUAL LEGAL TECHNICALITIES, OIL PAYMENTS CAN BE SUSPENDED THROUGH AUGUST, AND UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES FMG WILL NOT PRESS FOR THEM. HOWEVER, REPLYING TO QUESTION HE STATED FMG CONFIDENT OF RECEIVING OIL PAYMENTS BEFORE END OF JULY. HE THEN ADDED THAT QUESTION OF OIL PAYMENTS ACADEMIC BECAUSE HE BELIEVES MILITARY OPERATIONS WILL BE SATISFACTORILY CONCLUDED BEFORE TIME FOR PAYMENT ARRIVES.

6) ENAHORO TOLD REPORTERS CAMEROON GOVT COOPERATING WITH FMG AND CAMEROON-EASTERN NIGERIA BORDER EFFECTIVELY CLOSED. HE SAID, "WE HAVE ASKED THE BRITISH, AMERICAN AND CAMEROONIAN CONSULATES IN ENUGU NOT TO ISSUE VISAS, BUT WE ARE NOT SURE IT IS WISE TO KEEP EVERYBODY LOCKED UP IN THE EAST." HE EXPLAINED THAT PRHAPS SOME HIGH-RANKING EASTERNERS SHOULD GET OUT TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, FMG SOON WILL CANCEL ORDINARY PASSPORTS HELD BY EASTERNERS WHOSE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS ALREADY CANCELLED BY FMG.

7) ENAHORO SAID ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAS TWO PROBLEMS, RHODSAIA AND FONMIN KAPWEPWE. NIGERIANS DO NOT FEEL CONFERENCE CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING AT THIS TIME AND IF KAPWEPWE COMES TO LAGOS, "HE WON'T GET ANY CHANGE FROM US." FMG HAS NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED ANY MESSAGE FROM KENYATTA. ENAHORO AND AYIDA SAID THEY BELIEVE KAPWEPWE OPERATING OUTSIDE ANY INSTRUCTIONS KADUNDA GAVE HIM.

8) FMG HAS CLOSED DOUALA AND SJLTA ISABEL TO LEAR JET. ONLY AIRPORT OPEN TO IT IN THIS AREA IS SAO TOME, "AND ALL WE HAVE TO DO TO STOP THAT IS TELL THE REST OF AFRICA THAT THE PORTUGUESE ARE ASSISTING BIAFRA." IN ANY EVOT, FMG WILL ASK SWISS GOVT CANCEL LEAR JET'S REGISTRATION.

9) FINAL POINT MADE BY ENAHORO AND AYIDA WAS THAT JOURNALISTS SHOULD NOT LINK UPCOMING MILITARY OPERATIONS WITH QUESTION OF OIL PAYMENTS. (COMMENT: EMBASSY RELIABLY INFORMED FMG VERY

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MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE PAYMAYTS TO EAST BY OIL COMPANIES, AND THAT THIS PROSPECT IS ONE FACTOR WHICH MAY PRECIPITATE MILITARY ACTION SOON.) THEY SAID ULTIMATE SANCTION IS DENIAL OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE. FMG HAS SUCCESSFULLY BLOCKED EAST'S ACCESS TO OUTSIDE WORLD AND IT CANNOT SURVIVE WITHOUT FOREIGN EXCHANGE. MOREOVER, THEY ADDED, BIAFRA CANNOT BE RECOGNIZED AS INDEPENDENT STATE SINCE IT DOES NOT CONTROL ITS ACCESS TO OUTSIDE WORLD.

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SUGGEST YOU ADVISE LONG AND OTHER MISSIONARIES PLANNING TO RETURN
OGOJA OR BENUE AREA TO DELAY TRAVEL UNTIL JULY 1. FYI-ALL
PRESENT INDICATIONS POINTING STRONGLY TO SOME SORT OF MILITARY
ACTION DURING COMING WEEK.

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1. INITIAL CHECK WITH GOK FON OFF REVEALED NO KNOWLEDGE
OF ANY INTENDED STATEMENT BY KENYATTA RE NIGERIAN SITUATION.

2. THIS DOES NOT MEAN IT NOT A POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, AS
INFO GAP BETWEEN STATE HOUSE AND FON AFF SOMETIMES
CONSIDERABLE. THEY CHECKING FURTHER. FERGUSON
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INTELLIGENCE INDICATORS WHICH CANNOT BE IGNORED POINT ONCE AGAIN TO POSSIBILITY FMG LIKELY COMMENCE MILITARY ACTION DURING COMING WEEK. WE CONTINUE TO BE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER SAFETY AMCITS IN NSUKKA, ABAKALIKI, OGOJA AREA AND BELIEVE ALL NOT HAVING PRESSING BUSINESS IN AREA WELL ADVISED MOVE OUT FOR TIME BEING. OTHERS SHOULD BE READY TO DEPART ON FIFTEEN MINUTE NOTICE. INDICATIONS ARE THAT IF ATTACK

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COMES, IT WILL MOST LIKELY BEGIN IN HOURS OF EARLY MORNING.

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1) PERMSEC MIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT A.A. AYIDA AND PERMSEC
FINANCE A.A. ATTA SPOKE TO LUNCHEONS OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL
OFFICERS OF MISSIONS ON JUN 19 AND JUNE 23 RESPECTIVELY.
BOTH BUILT TALKS AROUND THE CONFUSION AND UNCERTAINTY OF
PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION BUT WERE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT LONG-

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RUN DEVELOPMENT OF NIGERIA AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION ABOUT
PERFORMANCE OF ECONOMY IN FACE OF THESE PROBLEMS.

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2) AYIDA CONCENTRATED ON PROBLEMS OF ESTABLISHING WORKING
ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE
12 NEW STATES. BIGGEST PROBLEM, HE SAID, WOULD BE IN AREA
OF PERSONNEL-FINDING PLACES FOR PRESENT CIVIL SERVANTS
WITHIN THE NEW STRUCTURE AND MAINTAINING SMOOTH OPERATION
COUNTRYWIDE IN PERIOD OF TRANSITION. HE SAID CREATION OF
STATES PRESENTS NO FINANCIAL PROBLEMS IF HANDLED PROPERLY.
REFERRING TO DEVELOPMENT-PLANNING, HE SAID THAT UPON
SETTLEMENT OF POLITICAL PROBLEMS, PRIVATE INVESTMENT IS
EXPECTED TO RESUME QUICKLY AND GO ON AS BEFORE; PUBLIC SECTOR
WOULD SEE A 2-3 YEAR "CONSOLIDATION PERIOD" BEFORE NEW
DEVELOPMENT PLAN FORMULATED. PRESENT 6 YEAR PLAN EXPIRES
1968 BUT TIME LAGOS WOULD MEAN CONTINUATION OF ONGOING
PROJECTS DURING CONSOLIDATION PERIOD. WORK HAS BEEN STARTED
ON A NEW 5 YEAR PLAN FOR FUTURE, BUT DURING CONSOLIDATION
PERIOD PLANNING WOULD BE DONE ON A YEAR-TO-YEAR BASIS,
WHILE NEW STATES STRUCTURE AND RELATIONSHIP WITH FEDERAL

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AGENCIES CLARIFIED AND CONSOLIDATION PERIOD COMPLETED.

3) ATTA REVIEWED PERFORMANCE OF ECONOMY OVER PAST YEAR AND HALF. ON THE WHOLE HE IS SATISFIED. HE MENTIONED FALLING LEVEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE AS BIGGEST PROBLEM AND STATED THAT "CERTAIN INEVITABLE" STEPS TO MAINTAIN SATISFACTORY RESERVES IMMINENT. ALSO SAID THAT "WAYS AND MEANS" BEING CONSIDERED TO RAISE MORE FUNDS IN FACE OF INCREASED LEVEL DEFENSE SPENDING. TAX "ADJUSTMENTS" BEING CONSIDERED FOR THIS PURPOSE AND ALSO TO HELP SUSTAIN LOCAL INDUSTRIES. MORE INTERNAL BORROWING IS ALSO FORESEEN. ATTA REPEATED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POSITION THAT IT WILLING OIL COMPANIES MAKE DUE PAYMENTS INTO ESCROW FUND UNTIL SITUATION SETTLES. HE REMINDED AUDIENCE OF THAT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SHELL-BP PROVIDING FOR SUCH ESCROW PAYMENTS UNTIL SITUATION SETTLES. THIS INTERESTING IN FACE OF OJUKWU DECREE THAT ALL PAYMENTS DUE IN JULY MUST BE PAID TO "BIAFRAN GOVERNMENT" AND THAT ESCROW PAYMENTS NOT ACCEPTABLE. ATTA RECOGNIZED

STICKY POSITION OF OIL COMPANIES AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THEY MAKE "CORRECT CHOICE."

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1. DURING LONG PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH DAO MAP
OFFICER EVENING 23 JUN, MAJOR JOSEPH BAJOWA, TRAINING
OFFICER, HQ. NIGERIA ARMY, (PROTECT SOURCE) SAID HE

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BELIEVED FROM WHAT HE KNEW AND HEARD AT ARMY HQ
THAT FMG WOULD INITIATE MIL ACTIVITY AGAINST EAST
QUOTE WITHIN WEEK UNQUOTE AS ALL PLANNING AND RELATED
ACTIVITY QUOTE NOW FINISHED UNQUOTE. (DATT COMMENT:
BAJOWA, A YORUBA, HAS NOT SEEMED ESPECIALLY KEEN TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE FIGHTING HIMSELF; HE HAS, HOWEVER,
BEEN CONSISTENTLY MOST HAWKISH OVER PROSPECT FMG
TROOPS (BASICALLY NORTHERN) HITTING EAST. HE IS BRIGHT,
SINCERE YOUNG MAN WHO, LIKE VAST MAJORITY HIS FELLOW
YORUBA OFFICERS IN LAGOS AREA, IS STRONG FEDERALIST.
HE HAS ALWAYS INDICATED BELIEF THAT ONLY MIL ACTION
COULD, IN LONG RUN, EFFECTIVELY BRING DOWN EAST. HE
HAS BEEN FAIRLY CONSERVATIVE IN HIS PRIOR ESTIMATES AND
HAS NOT SEEMED INCLINED PREDICT FUTURE EVENTS WITHOUT
SOME STRONG PERSONAL CONVICTION OF VALIDITY HIS PREDICTION).

2. BAJOWA ALSO SAID YORUBA OFFICERS EXPECT QUOTE MANY
CHANGES UNQUOTE IN NEAR FUTURE IN MILITARY STRUCTURE

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BOTH WESTERN STATE AND SECOND AREA COMMAND. THESE OFFICERS FEEL ADEBAYO ON WAY OUT FROM JOB MIL GOVERNOR

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WESTERN STATE; ONLY THING YET TO BE RESOLVED IS SPECIFIC JOB ADEBAYO WILL TAKE. (AMCONSUL IBADAN AND SOURCES IN LAGOS HAVE REPORTED AND CONFIRMED SERIES MEETINGS ADEBAYO AND GOWON LAST SEVERAL DAYS). BAJOWA HAD HEARD THAT ADEBAYO MIGHT WIND UP WITH SOME JOB IN WASHINGTON, SPECIFICS UNKNOWN. SOURCE ALSO BELIEVED THAT IF ADEBAYO WENT FROM IBADAN, NEWLY PROMOTED COMMANDER SECOND AREA COMMAND, COLONEL OLUFEMI OLUTOYE WOULD ALSO GO. (SOURCE CONFIRMED WHAT DATT HAS REPORTED ON SEVERAL TIMES IN PAST. THAT IS, THAT BOTH ADEBAYO AND OLUTOYE WERE ON GOWON'S "LIST" FOR REMOVAL FROM IBADAN AS BOTH HAS BEEN CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH MANY ACTIVITIES IN AREA WHICH HAS PUT SEVERE PRESSURE ON GOWON AT MOST CRITICAL TIME TO REMOVE NORTHERN TROOPS FROM IBADAN). SOURCE THOUGHT THAT OLUTOYE, IF HE TOO WENT FROM IBADAN, MIGHT VERY WELL WIND UP BACK AT UNITED NATIONS ON NIGERIAN DELEGATION. (OLUTOYE HAD BRIEF PERIOD AT U.N. WITH NIGERIAN DELEGATION IN FALL 1966). SOURCE FELT THAT IF THESE TWO CHANGES TOOK PLACE, NEWLY PROMOTED LTC CHRISTOPHER O. ROTIMI, NOW QMG, NIGERIAN

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ARMY, WOULD GET JOB AS MIL GOVERNOR WESTERN STATE AND LTC OLESEGUN OBASANJO, NOW CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, NIGERIAN ARMY, WOULD GET OLUTOYE'S AREA COMMAND JOB. (DATT REPORTED IN MAY THAT GOWON HAD DISCUSSED THIS POSSIBILITY WITH ROTIMI WHO HAD REJECTED SUGGESTION AT TIME). (DATT COMMENT: IF GOWON ABLE REMOVE BOTH ADEBAYO AND OLUTOYE, WHO HE FEELS HAVE BUCKED HIM AND HIS POLICIES, IT WOULD BE FURTHER STRENGTHENING HIS PERSONAL CONTROL OVER OFFICER CORPS AND WESTERN AREA COMMAND IN PARTICULAR. BOTH ROTIMI AND OBASANJO ARE STRONG FEDERALISTS; WANT A STRONG, CENTRALIZED NIGERIAN ARMY AND ARE VERY MUCH PRO-GOWON. BOTH, INCIDENTALLY, HAVE, IN PAST, BEEN STRONGLY PRO-U.A. AND WARMLY DISPOSED TO DAO PERSONNEL WITH WHOM BOTH HAVE CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS).

3. IN DISCUSSING ABOVE REPORTED POSSIBLE CHANGES, SOURCE SAID YORUBA OFFICERS IN GENERAL VERY DISHEARTENED AT MANNER SECOND AREA COMMAND HAS DEVELOPED. THEY FEEL THAT IT NOT UP TO PAR WITH OTHER COMMANDS AND THAT BASIC REASON THEREFORE IS FACT ADEBAYO AND OLUTOYE BOTH FAILED

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PLAY BALL WITH GOWON WHO QUOTE IS IN DRIVERS SEAT UNQUOTE.
BAJOWA WAS DISDAINFUL OF ADENAYO AS PERSON AND SAID
OLUTOYE AN INTELLIGENT MAN THAN MILITARY
LEADER. SOURCE NOT SURE THAT ALL ABOVE DISCUSSED
CHANGES WOULD, IN FACT, TAKE PLACE, BUT HE KNEW THAT
THEY UNDER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AT PRESENT. BAJOWA SAID
THAT IF OBASANJO WENT TO SECOND AREA COMMAND JOB, HE,
BAJOWA, WOULD BE SECOND IN COMMAND.

4. SEVERAL EMBASSY MESSAGES OVER LAST SEVERAL WEEKS
HAVE REPORTED MAJOR S.A. ALAO, ACTING COMMANDER,
NIGERIAN AIR FORCE, OUT OF NIGERIA AND ACTIVE IN SEVERAL
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SEVERAL TRIPS TO SWITZERLAND
AND FRANCE, IN ATTEMPTS PROCURE SOME TYPE JET TRAINER OR
FIGHTER FOR NIGERIAN AIR FORCE. LTC KARL SHIPP (PROTECT
SOURCE) GERMAN AIR FORCE OFFICER ON ADVISORY DUTY WITH
NIGERIAN AIR FORCE TOLD DATT THIS MORNING THAT HE BELIEVED
ALAO HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO GET ANY TYPE
JET FOR DELIVERY IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. SHIPP SAID, HOWEVER,
ALAO LEAVING COUNTRY AGAIN, POSSIBLY TODAY, ON QUOTE

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ANOTHER SHOPPING TRIP UNQUOTE. SHIPP DID NOT HAVE FURTHER
DETAILS AS HE SAID NIGERIANS HAD BECOME VERY CLOSED
MOUTHED ON SUCH MATTERS. SHIPP ALSO REPORTED, WITHOUT
KNOWLEDGE HIS EMBASSY (THUS HE MUST BE PROTECTED ON THIS
POINT) THAT HE AND REMAINING FIVE MILITARY MEMBERS OF
GERMAN AIR FORCE ADVISORY GROUP (GAFAG) IN NIGERIA
HAVE SECRET ORDERS DEPART NIGERIA WITHIN NEXT FOURTEEN
DAYS WITH AUTHORITY LEAVE IMMEDIATELY IF TROUBLE BREAKS
OUT. THE MIL MEMBERS OF GAFAG WERE TERMINATING THEIR
DUTY HERE ON BASIS CLAUSE IN THEIR CONTRACT WITH
NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH GAVE GAFAG PERSONNEL OPTION
LEAVING COUNTRY IN EVENT SERIOUS TROUBLE OF A MIL/
POLITICAL NATURE. THEIR DECISION HAD BEEN COMMUNICATED
TO GOWON BY SHIPP. GOWON NOT PLEASED, BUT UNDERSTOOD
PRESSURES WHICH MOTIVATED DECISION. SHIPP SAID DORNIER
TECHNICAL AND MAINTENANCE PORTION OF CONTRACT ALSO
BEING TERMINATED BUT THAT FMS OFFERING ATTRACTIVE
PRIVATE CONTRACTS TO ANY OF DORNIER TECHNICIANS WHO
DESIRED STAY ON AT KADUNA. SHIPP FELT MANY OF TECHNICIANS
AND MECHANICS WOULD FIND OFFERS SO ATTRACTIVE THAT THEY

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WOULD STAY ON.

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5. ON SAME SUBJECT JETS FOR NIGERIAN AIR FORCE, UK DEFENSE ADVISOR HAS INFO THAT CHIEF TONY ENAHORO, WHEN HE VISITS ROME AFTER U.N. MEET (REPORTED EMBASSY MESSAGES) HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY GOWON TO SEEK FURTHER ITALIAN SUPPORT FOR FMG CAUSE AND TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN EXPORT LICENSES FOR PREVIOUSLY ORDERED AERMACHI JETS.

6. ON SUBJECT RECURRING REPORTS JETS IN EASTERN REGION, SOURCE OF U.K. DEFENSE ADVISOR HAS TALKED WITH DUTCH PILOT WHO HAS BEEN FLYING FOR EASTERN REGION GOVERNMENT TO INCLUDE PILOTING OJUKWU. PILOT HAD FLOWN OVER LIKELY PLACES SUCH AS UDI AND AGWU AND HAD SEEN NO EVIDENCE SUCH PLANES OR EVIDENCE RUNWAYS THOSE AREAS HAD BEEN LENGTHENED FOR JETS. OF INTEREST HERE IS FACT DUTCH PILOT ALLEGED OJUKWU NOW REFUSES FLY IN LEAR JET AS U.S. PILOT HAS LEFT AND OJUKWU HAS NO CONFIDENCE IN IBO PILOT ASSIGNED PLANE. ON SAME SUBJECT, NEW NIGERIAN NEWSPAPER FOR 23 JUN REPORTED THAT LCDR FRED ANUKU, COMMANDER BIAFRAN NAVY; AND LTC C. UDE, COMMANDER NINTH BN, VBLABAR, HAD BEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN HELICOPTER CRASH AT IKOT-IPANG, ON FLIGHT FROM ENUGU TO CALABAR. PILOT OF CHOPPER WAS REPORTED AS QUOTE PILOT ODE UNQUOTE. NO FURTHER CONFIRMATION ON THIS FROM EAST AS YET. GP3

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BOTH PIUS AND GEORGETTE OKIGBO HOME AT 1430Z JUNE 23.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 5501

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1. ALTHOUGH GOK CONFIRMS BOTH KAPWEPWE AND ARIKPO-ADEGOROYE MISSIONS STILL IN NAIROBI DISCUSSING NIGERIAN SITUATION "WITH VARIOUS MINISTRIES," WE HAVE THUS FAR BEEN UNABLE GET LINE ON TREND OF DISCUSSIONS BEYOND GENERALIZATION THAT GOK STILL RELUCTANT BECOME INVOLVED IN NIGERIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS (NAIROBI'S 5382).

2. IN SEEKING INFORMATION THIS NATURE THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS, WE ARE MADE PAINFULLY AWARE OF GOK RETICENCE IN WAKE OF ATTWOOD BOOK. WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS.
FERGUSON
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1) BRITISH ROVING AMBASSADOR MALCOLM MACDONALD WAS IN LAGOS

DURING DAY JUNE 21, HAD TALK WITH GENERAL GOWON CHIEFLY ABOUT

RHODESIA.

2) BRITISH HICOM REPORTED TO CO THAT GOWON SPOKE TO MACDONALD

ON NIGERIAN SITUATION IN STANDARD TERMS. GOWON CONCLUDED THAT

OJUKWU HAS NOW LEFT FMG NO OPTIONS EXCEPT EITHER TO ACCEPT

SOVEREIGN INDEPENDENCE OF BIAFRA OR ENDEAVOR PUT DOWN REBELLION

BY FORCE. GOWON INTENDED PURSUE LATTER OPTION BUT WOULD TAKE

GREAT CARE LIMIT BLOODSHED.

GP-3. MATHEWS.

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1. JUNE 17. ISSUE OF WEST AFRICA MAGAZINE PUBLISHED IN LONDON HAS LEAD ARTICLE ON "KEEPING NIGERIA ONE." CHIEF POINTS COMMENDED TO DEPT AND ADDRESSEE POSTS, AS FOLLOWS.
2. SINCE OCTOBER, 1966 COL. OJUKWI TOOK INITIATIVE IN BRINGING FORMER EASTERN NIGERIA TO SECESSION ON MAY 30, 1967. NOW INITIATIVE HAS RETURNED TO LAGOS.
3. NOW FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT (FMG) HAS TAKEN OBVIOUS STEPS

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OF TREATING SECESSION AS ILLEGAL AND ENFORCING MOST VIGOROUS ECONOMIC SANCTIONS EXCEPT THAT OIL PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS HAVE NOT BEEN INTERRUPTED. ALMOST ALL COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN CUT BETWEEN EASTERN NIGERIA AND OUTSIDE WORLD, SHIPPING BLOCKADE IS EFFECTIVE, AND CAMEROON AGREED WITH FMG TO SUSPEND FREE MOVEMENT ACROSS FRONTIER WITH EASTERN NIGERIA. OJUKWI HAS TRIED TO INTERNATIONALIZE PROBLEM, BUT SO FAR THERE IS NO RECOGNITION OF

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BIAFRA AND IT STILL IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY IT CAN BE EXPECTED.
4. ON DOMESTIC POLITICAL FRONT FMG HAS BEEN MOST ENTERPRISING.
BIG NEWS, INSUFFICIENTLY APPRECIATED OUTSIDE NIGERIA, IS INCLUSION
OF CIVILIANS IN FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (FEC). AS LONG AGO
AS LAST AUGUST, GENERAL GOWON INDICATED HIS WISH TO INCLUDE
CIVILIANS IN GOVT. MEN APPOINTED TO FEC, WHO HAVE CONSIDERABLE
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE, GIVEN REAL RESPONSIBILITY OF MINISTRIES
AND ARE TO WORK FULL TIME. MEN OF SUCH CALIBER CAN BE EXPECTED
TO SHOW SOME INDEPENDENCE. PRESENT SIGNIFICANT RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN FMG AND WESTERN STATE APPEARS TO HAVE ENDED SECESSIONIST
THREATS FROM WESTERN LEADERS.

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5. CREATION OF 12 NEW STATES OUT OF FORMER 4 REGIONS MAY PROVE
BE FMG'S MOST IMPORTANT INITIATIVE. ALREADY THIS ACTION HAS WON
WIDE POPULARITY FOR FMG IN NORTH. MOST IMPORTANT CONSEQUENCE IS THAT
NORTHERN REGION, WHOSE PREDOMINANT SIZE HAS BEEN MAIN FACTOR IN
NIGERIAN POLITICALLY. SIX NEW STATES ARE NOW THE POLITICAL REALITY
IN NORTH AND THEY DO NOT CONSTITUTE A UNIFORM BLOCK. ALTHOUGH
SOME POLITICIANS OF OLD REGIME MAY SEEK POWER AGAIN, THEIR LOCAL
RIVALS IN NEW STATES WILL BE IN MUCH STRONGER POSITION AND FEARS
OF "NORTHERN DOMINATION" SEEM UNREALISTIC IN VIEW VARYING AFFILI-
ATIONS IN STATES.

6. HOW TRAGIC THAT IT WAS OVER ISSUE OF NORTHERN DOMINATION THAT
OJUKWU DECLARED SECESSION. EASTERNERS HAVE GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO
MAKE TO THE FEDERATION AND EAST IS VITAL COMPONENT OF IT. IF IT
CAN BE SHOWN, AS WE BELIEVE IT CAN, THAT CREATION OF THE NE STATES
MEANS A NEW START IN THE FEDERATION'S HISTORY AND AN END TO A
DARK CHAPTER, CANNOT THE OJUKWU REGIME REWIND ITS STAND BEFORE
IT IS TOO LATE?"

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1. LAGOS PRESS TODAY (JUNE 23) REPORTS THAT NIGERIAN SPECIAL ENVOY TO EAST AFRICA, DR. OKOI ARIKPO, FEDERAL COMMISSIONER TRADE, STATED IN DAR ES SALAAM YESTERDAY THAT "HOWEVER HARD THE CENTRAL EASTERN STATE OF NIGERIA NOT PROVED TO BE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN CRACK IT".

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HE SAID SECESSION EASTERN NIGERIA IS INTERNAL PROBLEM WHICH NIGERIA CAPABLE SOLVING ITSELF. NEVERTHELESS NIGERIA WELCOMES ANY SUGGESTIONS FROM FRIENDLY AFRICAN LEADERS.

2. NEWSPAPER CITE"; REPORT FROM NAIROBI "WHICH SAYS KENYATTA WILL APPEAL BOTH SIDES IN NIGERIA TO AVOID CIVIL WAR AND ALLOW OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS TO HELP FIND SOLUTION TO CRISIS. SAME REPORT SAYS ZAMBIAN FOMIN KAPWEPWE TOLD REPORTERS HE HAD FRUITFUL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KENYATTA AND HE EXPECTED SEE PRESIDENT OBOTE YESTERDAY AND RETURN LUSAKA TOMORROW. KAPWEPWE SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE MEETING EAST AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA, AND THAT IT LIKELY OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS WOULD ALSO JOIN DISCUSSIONS ON NIGERIA. MATHEWS

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State and Rivers State of the Federation of Nigeria should issue visas to any Nigerian nationals applying to them within that area.

"The Ministry wishes to point out that, as from the date of this letter, any Diplomatic or Consular Missions in the aforementioned area will be regarded as existing solely for the purpose of protecting the interests of the Mission's own nationals and will have no functions as far as granting facilities to Nigerian citizens in that area is concerned. The Ministry expects Diplomatic and Consular Missions to co-operate in respect of this decision.

"The Ministry of External Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration."

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1. Dept very concerned about limitations on consular activities in Enugu. Restrictions imposed have no foundation in international law and violate specific terms of US-Nigerian Consular Convention. Moreover, effect of restrictions is to make US non-political activities tool of FMG against Easterners. Fact FMG could cancel passports of Nigerian citizens does not vary Dept's conclusions.

2. UK-US Consular Conventions of 1952 (TIAS 2494) deemed to apply between US and Nigeria. Section 17(1)(e) provides qte A consular officer may within his district...grant visas and other appropriate documents to a person seeking entry into the sending state. unqte. Article 27(2) provides: qte It is

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understood that in any case where any article of this Convention gives a consular officer the right to perform any function, it is for the sending state to determine to what extent its consular officers shall exercise such right. unqte. The restrictions reported reftel clearly contravene this provision.

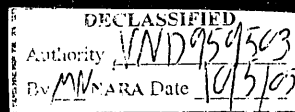
3. Dept aware no precedent in US experience for host government attempt limit powers of consulate. Where consular relations are established and consulates set up, those consulates empowered perform all proper functions. These would include certain matters with respect citizens host government, including issuance visas. See Article 5(d) Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, to which neither Nigeria nor US has acceded but which represents in this respect customary international law. qte Consular functions consist in...issuing...visas or appropriate documents to persons wishing to travel to sending state. unqte.

4. Dept believes that to refrain from protest would (1) establish unfortunate precedent in USG-FMG relations and possibly in future instances elsewhere, and (2) tend to substantiate validity of accusations from East that USG is participating voluntarily in anti-Eastern activities.

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5. On other hand we cognizant risk FMG could react to protest by ordering closure of consul Enugu. This too would be in violation 1952 Convention Article 3(1) under which either party may establish and maintain consulates in territory of other at any place any third state possesses consulate.
6. Intent of FMG is control exit of Nigerian citizens from Nigeria. No one would question this is essentially matter within jurisdiction of FMG. There are many unquestionably suitable ways for FMG to exercise its authority in such matter, including cancellation of passport, effective border patrols, etc. Restrictions on consular activities is not one of them.
7. Would appreciate Embassy's comment on approach to FMG which would take position latter's request inconsistent with consular convention and thus US not in position to comply. At same time Embassy would make clear US does not question right of FMG to attempt control exit of its citizens in other ways not inconsistent with international practice or specific international agreements.
8. To seek support for US position believe it would be useful for Embassy to consult with ~~other~~ missions of other affected countries to learn if they have arrangements with GON similar to our consular convention.

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1. IN JUNE 22 CONVERSATION WITH ME, IJEH, SECY (WEST) ULC, AND ORDIAH, SECY, UCH WORKERS, MADE NUMBER OF COMMENTS ON CURRENT NIGERIAN SCENE. BOTH ARE AGAINST USE OF FORCE SETTLE MATTERS AND BELIEVE MORE EFFORTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE AND SHOULD NOW BE MADE TO FOSTER SENSE OF SECURITY AMONG IBOS AND BETWEEN VARIOUS TRIBAL GROUPINGS. BOTH ARE MID-WEST IBOS AND INFERRED THEIR PRIMARY LOYALTIES TO EAST WHEN THEY SAID THEY WOULD ACCEPT COMMISSIONS IN EASTERN ARMY THOUGH OTHERWISE THEY WOULD REMAIN IN WEST AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

2. THEY SAID THAT NORTHERN SOLDIERS IN IBADAN NOW NOT CADGING DRINKS, BEATING UP CIVILIANS OR OTHERWISE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF LOCAL POPULACE. ON CONTRARY, SINCE LATE MAY NOT UNUSUAL FOR NORTHERN SOLDIERS IN MUFTI BUY OTHERS DRINKS. IJEH BELIEVES THIS PART OF DELIBERATE NORTHERN ATTEMPT TO OVERCOME THEIR BEING CHARACTERIZED AS BARBARIANS AND TO IMPROVE THEIR RELATIONS WITH LOCAL POPULACE.

3. BOTH STATE THAT FLOW OF YORUBAS FROM NORTH HAS STOPPED AND SOME NOW RETURNING. ACCORDING ORDIAH, NORTHERNS KEENLY AWARE THEIR SHORTAGE SKILLED PERSONNEL AND ANXIOUS RETAIN YORUBA TECHNICIANS.

4. BOTH WELCOME APPOINTMENT OF CIVILIAN COMMISSIONERS AT FMO AND WESTERN STATE LEVEL. THEY BELIEVE AWO IN POSITION TO PLAY KEY POLITICAL ROLE, THOUGH THEY HAVE HEARD HE HAS NO CONTROL OVER FINANCES OF FMO ARMED FORCES. ON LOCAL LEVEL, IJEH SAID HE PERSONALLY QUITE CLOSE BOLA IGE, NEW

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1. MAJOR ABBA KYARI, MILGOV NORTH CENTRAL STATE (KATSINA-ZARIA PROVINCES) MOVED HIS STATE ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

FROM KADUNA TO ZARIA JUNE 19. IN STATEMENTS REPORTED BY NEW NIGERIAN AND MININFO, KAYARI SAID:
 A. NOVE TO ZARIA DONE TO AVOID ANY CONFUSION THAT MIGHT ARISE FROM PROCESS OF SHARING FORMER REGIONSL ASSETS BETWEEN SIX STATES BY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL.
 B. ON DIVISION OF ASSETS KYARI SAID HE WISHED EACH STATE TO GET EQUAL SHARE BY WHAT USED TO BE NORTHERN REGION.
 C. NEW NIGERIAN QUOTED KYARI AS SAYING ANOTHER REASON FOR HIS MOVE FROM KADUNA TO ZARIA WAS TO CHANGE OLD IMPRESSION OF EMIRS AND REPRESENTATIVES COMING TO KADUNA FOR MEETINGS, WHICH IF CONTINUED, HE FELT WOULD NOT MAKE PEOPLE NOTICE CHANGE IN FORMER REGION.
 D. KYARI SAID NIGERIAN SITUATION AGGRAVATED BY SOME OFFICERS WHO BEHAVED LIKE POLITICIANS INSTEAD OF SOLDIERS; OJUKWU WOULDNT HAVE CHOSEN UDI WERE IT NOT FOR SUPPORT FROM SOME REBEL ARMY OFFICERS. HE SAID QUOTE WE COMMITTED TO KEEP NIGERIA AS ONE, UNTIL LAST MAN DROPS UNQUOTE.
 E. KYARI SAID FACT THAT CREATION OF STATES WELCOMED IS EVIDENCED BY RESPONSE PEOPLE HAD GIVEN HIM. RECALLING PREVIOUS AGITATION FOR STATES BY SO-CALLED "PROGRESSIVE

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INR 1. FMG ANNOUNCED THIS AFTERNOON (JUNE 22) THAT IT HAS ISSUED
ACDA DECREE "CONFERRING SPECIAL POWERS ON EVERY MEMBER OF NIGERIAN
AID ARMED FORCES AND NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE TO ARREST, DURING PERIOD
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SCA COMMITS ANY OFFENCE OR WHOM HE SUSPECTS UPON REASONABLE GROUNDS
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PER OF HAVING COMMITTED AN OFFENCE."
OPR 2. ANNOUNCEMENT GOES ON TO SAY THAT DECREE "ALSO CONFERS POWERS
OC OF ENTRY, SEARCH AND SEIZURE, WITHOUT A WARRANT, ON ANY POLICE
OFFICER OF OR ABOVE THE RANK OF INSPECTOR, OR ANY MEMBER OF THE
ARMED FORCES WHO BY VIRTUE OF THE DECREE HAS THE POWERS OF AN
INSPECTOR OF POLICE."
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CCO OR THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE TO ORDER THE DETENTION IN A
AS CIVIL PRISON OR A POLICE STATION OF TROUBLE MAKERS IF SATISFIED
THAT SUCH PERSONS ARE OR RECENTLY HAVE BEEN CONCERNED IN ACTS
PREJUDICIAL TO PUBLIC ORDER."
4. DECREE HAS EFFECT AS OF JUNE 1 AND APPLIES THROUGHOUT NIGERIA.
5. ACCORDING RADIO NIGERIA BROADCAST 1500Z FMG HAS ALSO DECREED
THAT CERTAIN AREAS OF LAGOS LAGOON PROHIBITED TO SMALL BOAT TRAFFIC.
PRESUMABLY THIS MEASURE TAKEN TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO STRATEGIC
LOCATIONS SUCH AS BRIDGES AND POL STORAGE AREAS.
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1. DURING FAREWELL/INTRODUCTORY CALL SHERRY/STRONG, ODUMOSU TOOK LINE THAT AS NEITHER WEST NOR MID-WEST FAVORED MILITARY ACTION AGAINST EAST, WISEST COURSE FOR FMG WOULD BE TO ACCEPT INDEPENDENCE OF LATTER AND WORK OUT ECONOMIC ARRANGEMENTS WITH IT. HE DID NOT CONSIDER IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOWON TO BACK AWAY FROM ANNOUNCED POSITION OF CRUSHING REBELLION BY FORCE. HE ALSO FELT THAT WEST WOULD ACCEPT LAGOS STATE AND CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN REMAINDER OF NIGERIA FEDERATION, PARTICULARLY IF NORTHERN STATES BECAME REALITIES, THOUGH

HE THOUGHT NUMBER OF LATTER SHOULD BE REDUCED TO THREE OR FOUR. ISSUE OF NORTHERN TROOPS IN WEST WOULD SOLVE ITSELF WHEN SUFFICIENT YORUBA TROOPS TRAINED, PROVIDED YORUBA TROOPS RECEIVED ARMS.

2. IN LATER CONVERSATION, ODUMOSU TOLD ASSISTANT AID DIRECTOR THAT GOWON HAS OFFERED ADEBAYO PORTFOLIO OF DEFENSE, WHICH WOULD PERMIT GOWON CONCENTRATE ON EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. ODUMOSU ADDED THAT ADEBAYO KEEN TO GO TO LAGOS AND ASSUME TOP MILITARY JOB WHICH HE CONSIDERS NO. 2 POSITION IN FMG. ADEBAYO HAS TOLD COL. OLUTOYE HE IS RECOMMENDING HIM AS HIS SUCCESSOR BUT ODUMOSU DOUBTS WHETHER ADEBAYO HAS IN FACT MADE THIS RECOMMENDATION OR WHETHER GOWON WOULD APPOINT OLUTOYE EVEN WITH ADEBAYO'S SUPPORT.

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3. COMMENT: ADEBAYO DID GO TO LAGOS TODAY FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH GOWON. IF THIS OFFER HAS IN FACT BEEN MADE,

IT FITS IN MORE WITH DOVE-LIKE POSTURE OF AWOLOWO THAN WITH THAT OF FMG'S MILITARY HAWKS. IF IN FACT EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO BACK AWAY FROM MILITARY CONFRONTATION, ADEBAYO MAY BE BEING PUSHED INTO POSITION OF "FALL GUY."

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PRESS REPORTS ZAMBIAN FONMIN KAPWEPWE MET WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE
 FORTY FIVE MINUTES YESTERDAY ON NIGERIA. THEY EXPRESSED CONCERN
 AT MILITARY PREPARATIONS AND WARLIKE STATEMENTS ISSUING FROM
 NIGERIA, HOPED THAT MILITARY CONFLICT COULD BE AVOIDED AND URGED
 BOTH SIDES TO AVOID CIVIL WAR IN INTERESTS AFRICAN AS WELL AS
 NIGERIAN UNITY. KAPWEPWE DUE TO LEAVE TODAY FOR NAIROBI.
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1. CONSOFF IN FAREWELL VISIT TO AHMED TALIB, PERMSEC, NORTHERN MINISTRY OF FINANCE, JUNE 15, RAISED QUESTION OF ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF BREAK WITH THE EAST. HE REPLIED

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THAT TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, EASTERN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN ECONOMICALLY PART FEDERATION FOR SOME TIME, SO MOST ADVERSE ECONOMIC AFFECTS ALREADY FELT. WHEN SUBJECT CAME UP, HE DID NOT SPECULATE ON QUESTION TO WHOM THE OIL ROYALTY PAYMENTS WOULD BE MADE NEXT MONTH. ADMITTED GOVERNMENTS (BOTH FEDERAL AND IN NORTH) HAVE HAD TO POSTPONE PROJECTS IN ORDER TO HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURES IN CONNECTION WITH CONFRONTATION WITH THE EAST (E.G. THE NEW ROADS TO OGOJA AND DAHOMEY WHICH HE DID NOT MENTION--REFAIRGRAM). NO INCREASE IN TAXATION CONTEMPLATED THOUGH HE ADMITTED THIS MIGHT BE NECESSARY IN EVENT EXTENDED HOSTILITIES. HE MADE NO COMMENT ON LIKLIHOOD OF HOSTILITIES.

2. CONCERNING UNITY IN THE NORTH, HE SAID THERE WAS NO KNOWN OPPOSITION IN THE NORTH TO USE FORCE, IF NECESSARY, AGAINST EAST. HE SAID THAT THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN THOSE IN NORTH SYMPATHETIC TO THE EAST AND OPPOSING STRONG ACTION, IF THE FMG HAD NOT BEEN CONCILIATORY AND WILLING TO COMPROMISE AT ABURI AND SINCE.

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3. HE SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN OPPOSITION TO CREATION OF STATES BUT THAT THE NORTH HAD LEARNED THAT SPLITTING UP WAS NECESSARY SACRIFICE IN ORDER CALM FEARS OF SOUTH AND HOLD NATION TOGETHER. THE NORTH RECOGNIZED THIS AS SACRIFICE WORTH MAKING AND THERE IS NOW NO RPT NO OPPOSITION. HE SAID IN ANY CASE, THERE IS NO GOING BACK TO THE STATUS QUO ANTI-JANUARY 1966.

4. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD APPROVED NORTHERN PROPOSAL THAT ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF NORTHERN STATES (CHAIRER BY HASSAN KATSINA) ACT AS INTERIM GOVERNMENT UNTIL END OF FISCAL YEAR, APRIL 1, 1968. IN MEANTIME BUDGETS AND GOVERNMENT APPARATUS WILL BE SET UP TO BEGIN OPERATIONS NEXT YEAR. (FOR DETAILS, SEE KADUNA A-92) HE SAID FMG DECREE TO THIS EFFECT DUE ANY DAY.

5. COMMENT: NORTHERN CIVIL SERVANTS ARE AWARE OF ADMINISTRATIVE, MANPOWER AND FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES OF DISMANTLING FORMER NORTHERN REGION GOVERNMENT. THEY

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FEEL THAT PERIOD BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT APRIL NECESSARY FOR TRANSITION TO NEW SYSTEM. SOME COMMON SERVICES TO BE CARRIED ON EVEN AFTER THAT. HOWEVER EVERYONE WE MEET EMPHASIZES THAT NORTH INTENDS THAT POWER WILL RESIDE IN NEW STATES. IT MUST AND WILL NOT BE JUST A GUISE FOR CONTINUATION OF THE NORTHERN REGION UNDER ANOTHER NAME.

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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN DIPLOMACY IN NIGERIAN CRISIS

REF: STATE 213214 AND LAGOS 10481

1. DESPITE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY ZAMBIAN HIGH COMMISSION
LAV (LAGOS 10313 NOTAL) WE HAVE NOT DETECTED ANY INCLINATION
ON PART GRZ TO RECOGNIZE BIAFRA. WE SUSPECT KAPVEPWE MISSION
EAST ANGICA IS FOR OPEN-ENDED EXCHANGES OF VIEWS RATHER THAN
TO PUSH ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AT THIS STAGE. MFA
OFFICIALS ARE CLOSE MOUTHED ABOUT ZAMBIAN POSITION.
FOLLOWING INFORMATION ALL COMES FROM NIGERIA HIGH
COMMISSIONER EJIWUNMI (PROTECT).

2. EJIWUNMI SAYS HE WAS UNABLE GET APPOINTMENT SEE PRESIDENT
KAUNDA BEFORE LATTER'S DEPARTURE ON ASIAN TRIP. DESPITE URGENT
REQUEST HE MADE ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM LAGOS IN ORDER LEARN

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1. IN TALK SUNDAY NIGHT WITH A MR. ADEJO (PROTECT)
OF NIGERIA POLICE SECURITY LAGOS NOW TDY KADUNA, HE
CONFIRMED COMMENT OF U.K. CIT PRESENT THAT THREE
EASTERN MILITARY OFFICERS WERE ARRESTED IN KADUNA LAST

WEEK. U.K. CIT TOLD HE LATER HE HEARD STORY FROM
ANOTHER U.K. CIT WHO CLAIMED OF OFFICERS HAD BEEN
RECOGNIZED BY FORMER MEMBER OF HIS COMMAND HERE.
U.K. CIT SAID HE WAS TOLD TWO OF OFFICERS ARRESTED
FORMERLY HAD BEEN STATIONED IN NORTH. NO NAMES WERE
MENTIONED AND ADEJO DID NOT COMMENT ON MISSION OF
EAST OFFICERS.

2. IN OUTSPOKEN OPPOSITION TO TWO OF NORTHERNERS
PRESENT ADEJO, WHO APPARENTLY YORUBA, ARGUED AGAINST
USE OF FORCE TO SETTLE EAST SECESSION. HE SAID OTHERS
PRESENT UNDERRATED EASTERN PEOPLE WHOM HE TERMED
"MOST ENLIGHTENED OF ALL NIGERIANS". HE SAID
INTELLIGENCE INFO AVAILABLE TO NIGERIA POLICE HAD
CONVINCED HIM EAST WELL ABLE DEFEND ITSELF. HE SAID
WEST AND MID-WEST DO NOT SUPPORT USE OF FORCE AGAINST
EAST AND CIVIL WAR WILL CREATE AS MANY PROBLEMS AS IT
SETTLED. HE TERMED EAST SECESSION INSOLUBLE BUT
ADDED THAT, IN HIS MIND, ONLY HOPE LIED IN TURNING
THINGS OVER TO CIVILIANS WHO COULD MEET OUTSIDE

COUNTRY TO SETTLE THE ISSUES.

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1. AT CHIEFSEC N.U. AKPAN'S REQUEST, BDHC PARKER AND I SAW HIM LATE MONDAY NIGHT JUNE 19 TO HEAR HIS CURRENT ASSESSMENT. ALSO PRESENT WAS FINANCE PERMSEC SAM OTI WHO WITH AKPAN HAD ATTENDED BIAFRAN

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING THAT DAY.

2. AKPAN AND OTI VERY GLOOMY AT RECENT TURN EVENTS; SAID BIAFRAN ARMY HAVING BRACED FOR FMG ATTACK TO "CRUSH REBELLION" NOW GETTING REYTLISS AT INACTION AND UNCERTAINTY. AKPAN SAID IT WOULD TAKE VERY LITTLE PROVOCATION FOR BIAFRAN ARMY TO DECIDE TO SETTLE THINGS QUICKLY BY MOVING NORTH TO BENUE WHICH, AKPAN INSISTED, IT QUITE CAPABLE OF DOING. SAID ARMY WOULD BE FULLY SUPPORTED BY CIVILIAN POPULATION WHICH GROWING TIRED OF CONSTANT THREATS FROM FMG AND WANTS ONLY TO BE LEFT ALONE BY NORTH WHICH REJECTED EASTERNERS IN FIRST PLACE.

3. AKPAN, WHO IS NORMALLY THE MOST RESTRAINED OF MEN, SPOKE IN SUCH A BELLICOSE TONE THAT PARKER AND I ASKED IF HE WAS ADVOCATING A MILITARY RATHER THAN A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS. AKPAN SAID HE WASN'T BUT THERE A GROWING NUMBER WHO ARE DJJ THAT IT BECOMING INCREASINGLY UNPOPULAR TO TALK ABOUT NEGOTIATION. AKPAN NOTED OJUKWU OPPOSED TO MILITARY SOLUTION BUT MAY BE OVERRULED IF LAGOS CONTINUES KEEP UP PRESSURE ON BIAFRA.

4. THERE WAS LONG DISCUSSEON IN WHICH PARKER AND I PROBED FOR

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BASIS OF TOUGH TALK WHICH WE HEARING SO MUCH OF IN ENUGU, WE POINTING OUT THAT FMG AND MANY OTHERS SEEMED CONVINCED THAT EAST DIVIDED AND WEAK AND THAT ATTACK WOULD BRING QUICK AND EASY FMG VICTORY. FOLLOWING EMERGED FROM AKPAN'S REPLIES:

- A. IF SERIOUS FIGHTING BREAKS OUT, FIGHTER AND BOMBER AIRCRAFT WILL BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO BIAFRA. (AKPAN REFUSED TO NAME SOURCE OF THESE.)
- B. BIAFRA EXPECTS EARLY DELIVERY OF ARMORED VEHICLES WHICH WILL ARRIVE BEFORE THOSE PURCHASED BY FMG.
- C. THERE ARE SUFFICIENT SMALL ARMS NOW AVAILABLE TO BEGIN ARMING CIVILIANS WHEN CONSIDERED NECESSARY.
- D. THE NIGERIAN

ARMY IS NOT RPT NOT CONSIDERED TO OFFER ANY SERIOUS THREAT WHATSOEVER TO BIAFRA (FOR REASONS WHICH AKPAN REFUSED TO STATE BUT WHICH HE SAID ARE VERY CONVINCING).

THE BIAFRAN GOVERNMENT HAS MORE THAN ENOUGH PHYSICAL CONTROL THE MINORITIES AREAS TO RULE OUT INSURRECTION THERE AS A SERIOUS POSSIBILITY. MOREOVER, MINORITIES PEOPLE WOULD REBEL AGAINST OJUKWU ONLY IF INCITED BY THEIR OWN ACKNOWLEDGED LEADERS. SPEAKING AS A MINORITIES MAN HIMSELF, AKPAN SAID, THE NOTION THAT OUTSIDERS, EVEN FROM OTHER CLANS, COULD INCITE REBELLION IS ABSURD.

5. AKPAN AND OTI MADE THE NOW FAMILIAR PITCH THAT THE WAY TO PREVENT BLOODSHED IS FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO GRANT EARLY RECOGNITION, WHICH WOULD DETER GOWON FROM ATTACKING. PARKER AND I REPLIED THIS WAS ASKING OUR GOVERNMENTS TO SHARE IN THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAKING BIAFRA SUCCEED, WHICH RESPONSIBILITY WAS NOT AND SHOULD NOT BE OURS.

6. AKPAN SAID EARLY RECOGNITION OR NOT, IT MUST BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THERE IS NO GOING BACK. HE SAID THE CHOICE FOR FMG NOW IS TO SETTLE OUTSTANDING MATTERS WITH THE SOVEREIGN STATE OF BIAFRA BY PEACEFUL MEANS OR BY WAR. IF BY PEACEFUL MEANS BIAFRA WILL COOPERATE WITH NIGERIA EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF ASSUMING A FAIR SHARE OF NIGERIA'S EXTERNAL DEBT; IF BY WAR THEN THERE WILL BE A COMPLETE BREAK BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WHICH COULD TAKE YEARS TO REPAIR.

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1. ZAMBIAN FONMIN KAPWEPWE ARRIVED LAST NIGHT AT START OF MISSION TO MET EAST AFRICAN LEADERS AND TRY FIND WAY TO PREVENT CIVIL WAR IN NIGERIA. HE SAID HE WOULD PROBABLY VISIT WEST AFRICA, INCLUDING NIGERIA, AFTER EAST AFRICAN TOUR.

2. TWO MAN NIGERIAN TEAM ALSO ARRIVED YESTERDAY TO EXPLAIN CURRENT NIGERIAN POLITICAL SITUATION TO LEADERS IN EAST AFRICA, ZAMBIA AND ETHIOPIA.

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1. I SAW DAN CHAPMAN THIS MORNING AND DISCUSSED THE NIGERIAN SITUATION. REPRESENTING ANKRAH, HE HAD RECENTLY VISITED OJUKWU. CHAPMAN SAID GHANA HAD NO SPECIFIC PLAN OF ACTION EXCEPT THAT NLC CONTINUING TRY BRING ABOUT DISCUSSIONS AMONG NIGERIAN LEADERS. NLC KEEPING IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH GOWON AND OJUKWU BUT DOING IT AS QUIETLY AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE PUBLICITY WILL SPOIL ANY CHANCE REACHING A SETTLEMENT.

2. CHAPMAN URGED THAT US QUIETLY USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH OJUKWU AND GOWON. HE STRESSED IMPORTANT THING IS THAT GOWON MUST NOT FIRE FIRST. CHAPMAN CLAIMS THAT OJUKWU WILL NOT TAKE INITIAL AGGRESSIVE ACTION. NEITHER INDIVIDUAL WANTS TO FIGHT, HE SAID, BUT EACH IS SURROUNDED BY ADVISERS SPOILING FOR A FIGHT.

3. TO GET TALKS STARTED, CHAPMAN THINKS SOMEBODY SHOULD OFFER CONCRETE PLAN FOR CONFEDERATION. IF ANY SETTLEMENT IS TO BE REACHED, HE INDICATED IT WILL HAVE TO INCLUDE NAME OF BIAFRA WHICH HAS BECOME SYMBOL TO IBO PEOPLE. EVEN SUGGESTED USG CONSIDER PROPOSING SOLUTION BASED ON EARLY AMERICAN CONFEDERATION EXPERIENCE.

4. TRYING TO SEE ANKRAH AND HARLEY LATER IN DAY TO GET THEIR ASSESSMENTS.

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1. AT END OF A DAY LONG NLC MEETING, I TALKED TO ANKRAH AND HARLEY ABOUT NIGERIAN SITUATION. THEY EXPECT SHOOTING TO BEGIN ANY MINUTE AND AT OUTSIDE NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT TONIGHT.

2. THEY ARE DISGUSTED WITH GOWON AND OJUKWU AND FEEL BOTH HAVE FALLEN IN GRIP OF POLITICIANS SURROUNDING THEM. ANKRAH

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AND HARLEY BELIEVE GOG HAS DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO TRY ARRANGE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, BUT THAT ON EACH OCCASION WHEN NLC SOUGHT TO HELP PROMISES MADE BY GOWON AND OJUKWU WERE BROKEN IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS.

3. FOR PRESENT, NLC IS WASHING ITS HANDS OF ENTIRE SITUATION. ANKRAH AND HARLEY ARE DISTRESSED ABOUT THE COMING DISASTER, BUT CONSIDER ANY FURTHER ACTION ON GOG'S PART WOULD BE ILLEGAL INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF NIGERIA.

4. ANKRAH SAID HE NO LONGER CAN PHONE OJUKWU BECAUSE SERVICE HAS BEEN STOPPED, AND HE AFRAID TO SEND GHANA AIR FORCE PLANE TO ENUGU LEST IT BE SHOT DOWN BY FMG. ANKRAH CLOSED CONVERSATION BY SAYING GOWON MOVING RIGHT NOW. GP-1. WILLIAMS BT

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1. N.U. AKPAN TOLD CONSUL BARNARD AND UKDHC PARKER EUNING JUNE 19 THAT, IF FIGHTING STARTS MILITARY FIGHTER AND BOMBER AIRCRAFT WOULD BE MADE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO BIAFRA. AKPAN

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REFUSED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC ON THIS POINT. ALSO SAID BIAFRA EXPECTS DELIVERY OF ARMORED VEHICLES BEFORE THE ARMORED VEHICLES ORDERED BY FMG ARRIVE IN NIGERIA. AKPAN ADDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF EVERY SINGLE DETAIL OF FMG MILITARY ACTIVITY.

2. THIRD-HAND REPORTS STATE THAT A MISSIONARY TRAVELLING FROM JOS TO ENUGU VIA IDAH AND ASABA ON JUNE 18 SIGHTED "VERY LARGE CONCENTRATIONS" OF FMG FORCES, INCLUDING ARMOR, AT GBOKO. THE MISSIONARY WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE SEEN THESE FORCES IS NOW ON TOUR AND IS NOT EXPECTED BACK IN ENUGU BEFORE JUNE 25.

3. THERE ARE CONTINUED INDICATIONS THAT LOCAL MILITARY FORCES ARE BECOMING RESTIVE BECAUSE OF FMG THREATS USE FORCE. SENIOR MILITARY OFFICIALS IN ENUGU ARE REPORTED TO BE URGING THAT BIAFRA LAUNCH AN ATTACK TO BOLSTER ARMY MORALE.

4. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF UNUSUAL MILITARY ACTIVITY WITHIN PAST 24 HOURS.

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1. ZAMBIA FOREIGN MINISTER KAPWEPWE LEFT LUSAKA YESTERDAY FOR TALKS WITH EAST AFRICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AIMED AT HELPING PATCH UP NIGERIAN CRISIS, ACCORDING JUNE 20 TIMES OF ZAMBIA.

2. KAPWEPWE TOLD REPORTERS ZAMBIA IS CONCERNED AT PROSPECTS OF CIVIL WAR IN NIGERIA BUT WOULD NOT SAY WHAT PROPOSALS HE WOULD PUT TO HIS EAST AFRICAN COLLEAGUES. HE SAID HE GOING AT INSTRUCTIONS PRESIDENT KAUNDA NOT BECAUSE ZAMBIA WANTED FAME BUT BECAUSE AFRICAN PROBLEMS ARE ZAMBIA PROBLEMS.

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3. NIGERIAN HICOM, CHIEF EJIWUNMI, WHO SAW KAPWEPWE OFF, SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO FIND SOLUTION TO NIGERIAN PROBLEM BUT HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE NO CIVIL WAR. EDMONDSON BT

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1. IT IS VERY LIKELY NOW TOO LATE FOR ANY EXTERNAL INFLUENCE TO PREVENT ARMED CONFLICT BETWEEN FMG AND EASTERN NIGERIA WHICH COULD BEGIN ANY TIME. EARLY RECOGNITION OF BIAFRA BY OTHER AFRICAN STATES, AS PROPOSED BY ZAMBIA, WOULD NOT RPT NOT HELP. TO CONTRARY, IT WOULD STRENGTHEN THOSE IN FMG WHO UNGE EARLY MILITARY SOLUTION.

2. I THINK THERE MAY BE VERY SLIGHT CHARGE, HOWEVER, THAT OPPOSITE OF ZAMBIAN PROPOSAL COULD AVERT HOSTILITIES. IF LEADING AFRICAN STATESMAN PLEDGED THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD NOT RPT NOT RECOGNIZE BIAFRA IN RETURN FOR FMG PLEDGE IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT USE FORCE AGAINST EASTERN NIGERIA, GOWON AND HIS NEW CIVILIAN ADVISORS MIGHT ACCEPT DEAL.

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YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY TAKEN ACTION, YOU SHOULD PROCEED AS
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WITH GONN ON QUESTION BENUE EVACUATION. SUGGEST, THEREFORE,
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1. DURING FAREWELL CALL ON MILGOV TODAY WHICH ALSO SERVED TO
 INTRODUCE STRONG, MILGOV REPEATED CONVICTION THAT SOLUTION TO
 NIGERIA CRISIS SHOULD BE PEACEFUL. HE SAID, HOWEVER, IF RESORT
 TO FORCE BECOMES INEVITABLE, HE HOPES DAMAGE RESULTING FROM
 MILITARY ACTION CAN BE MINIMIZED.

2. ABOVE LARGELY A REPEAT OF SENTIMENTS MILGOV EXPRESSED TO
 MYSELF, STRONG, AND BDHC WHO REMAINED BEHIND WITH SMALL
 GROUP AT MILGOV'S REQUEST AFTER FAREWELL DINNER JUNE 16.
 HE HAD NOT HOWEVER ON EARLIER OCCASION GONE SO FAR AS TO
 ADMIT MILITARY ACTION MAY BE UNAVOIDABLE.

3. AT DINNER ITSELF, MILGOV SPOKE VERY WARMLY OF
 CONTRIBUTION BOTH U.S. AND U.K. TO NIGERIA DEVELOPMENT.
 THESE REMARKS RECEIVED WIDE COVERAGE IN LAGOS AND IBADAN
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1. AFTERNOON JUNE 18 VICE CONSUL MCLAUGHLIN DROVE TO NSUKKA,
TALKED WITH COL. ALEXANDER A. MADIEBO (COMMANDER, NORTHERN AREA

BRIGADE), LTC BENSON A. ADIGIO (COMMANDER 7 BN, AN IJAV FROM
BRASS), DR. ENI NJOKU (VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY), AND DR.
JOHN C. ZNE (PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY AND COMMANDER OF UNIVERSITY
CIVIL DEFENSE CORPS).

2. MADIEBO GREATLY PERTURBED BY WEEKEND WITHDRAWAL

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PERSONNEL FROM NSUKKA. SAID HIS INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS REPORTED
ON JUNE 17 THAT THERE NO FMG TROOPS WITHIN 15 MILES OF BORDER.
SINCE HE BELIEVED USG WOULD NOT WITHDRAW PERSONNEL WITHOUT HARD
INFORMATION, MADIEBO PUT HIS ENTIRE COMMAND ON FULL ALERT.
MADIEBO EMPHASIZED THAT, AS AREA COMMANDER, HE ALSO RESPONSIBLE
FOR INFORMING EXPATS IF THEY IN DANGER AND THAT HE FULLY INTENDS
DISCHARGE THIS RESPONSIBILITY.

3. ADIGIO ESCORTED MCLAUGHLIN TO COMPANY HEADQUARTERS AT AMALA-
UMUEZE, FOUR MILES SOUTH OF BORDER ON ENUGU-MAKURDI ROAD.
MCLAUGHLIN WATCHED MUSTER OF REINFORCED PLATOON WHICH LEFT COM-
PANY HEADQUARTERS AT 1800 LOCAL TO RELIEVE PLATOON STATIONED AT
FORWARD POSITIONS ON BORDER. ALL MEN CARRIED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS,
SOME OF WHICH REQUIRED BIPEDS. ADIGIO SAID ALL ACCESS ROUTES

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ARE CRATERED AND GUARDED.

4. COMPANY HEADQUARTERS, WHICH HEAVILY GUARDED EVEN DURING DAY-LIGHT HOURS, HAS RADIO COMMUNICATION WITH BN HEADQUARTERS NSUKKA USING BRITISH-MADE FIELD RADIOS. COMPANY IS COMMANDED BY YOUNG MAJOR (NAME BEGINS WITH "B") WHO DID ENGINEERS COURSE AT FT BELVOIR. MORALE AND DISCIPLINE VERY HIGH. UNDERSTAND THERE SIMILAR COMPANY COMMANDS AT ENUGU-EZIKE (APPROX 10 MILES NNE NSUKKA) AND AT UNNAMED LOCATION NW NSUKKA.

5. ENE SAID HE COULD READILY UNDERSTAND ~~EMBASSY'S~~ ^{EMBASSY'S} DECISION TO WITHDRAW AMERICANS SINCE THOSE IN LAGOS SUBJECT TO CONSTANT FMG PROPAGANDA DESIGNED TO TERRORIZE EXPATS IN EAST. SAID THAT WHEN AMERICANS LEFT ON JUNE 17 NO ONE BELIEVED STORY THEY "WEEKENDING" IN ENUGU SINCE MOST HAD TO CANCEL VARIOUS ENGAGEMENTS. UNTIL LATE AT NIGHT ENE WAS SWAMPED BY NSUKKA CIVILIANS WHO CONVINCED AMERICAN MOVE MEANT DANGER IMMINENT. ENE CONSULTED MADIEBO IMMEDIATELY BUT MADIEBO TOLD HIM "GO TO BED AND RELAX."

6. ENE RATHER PROUD HIS CIVIL DEFENSE CORPS WHICH HE SAID HAS RECEIVED WEAPONS TRAINING. (USAID/MSU PERSONNEL LATER CONFIRMED THAT STUDENTS HAVE HAD DAILY DRILLS AND FREQUENT TARGET PRACTICE WITH RIFLES.) BOTH MADIEBO AND ADIGIO HAVE ASKED ENE TO INFORM CIVILIANS THAT THEY MAY DEFEND THEIR HOMES AND CAMPUS IF NECESSARY, BUT MUST NOT RPT NOT "GET IN THE WAY" OF MILITARY OPERATIONS.

7. NJOKU ALSO SAID HE UNDERSTAND USG ANXIETY BUT STRESSED THAT LOSS OF AMERICANS BETWEEN NOW AND JULY 2 WOULD DO IRREPARABLE DAMAGE BOTH TO UNIVERSITY AND TO AMERICAN INFLUENCE ON CAMPUS. EMPHASIZED THAT HE BELIEVES SUCCESSFUL ATTACK UNLIKELY.

8. COMMENT: CAMPUS RESIDENCE BUILDINGS ARE SCATTERED OVER WIDE AREA AND CAMPUS ITSELF SITUATED OFF MAIN ROADS AND REMOVED FROM MILITARY POSITIONS, SO THERE LITTLE STRATEGIC OR TACTICAL REASON FOR NNG TROOPS INITIATE DRIVE TOWARD UNIVERSITY. WE BELIEVE AMERICANS ON CAMPUS WOULD BE RELATIVELY SAFE EVEN IF HOSTILITIES OCCURRED NEARBY, PROVIDED THEY STAY INSIDE AS THEY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED. IN VIEW POTENTIAL DAMAGE TO PROGRAM AND AMERICAN IMAGE IF AMERICANS WITHDRAWN UNNECESSARILY, BELIEVE

AMERICANS AT NSUKKA SHOULD STANDFAST UNLESS IT CERTAIN THEY IN DANGER. AMERICANS THERE HEARTILY SUPPORT THIS POSITION.

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1. OVER WEEKEND LAGOS PAPERS ANNOUNCED FMG SENT SPECIAL MISSION TO EAST AFRICA LED BY DR. OKOI ARIKPO RATHER THAN ALUKO, WHO WAS MENTIONED BY ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR (REFTEL). ARIKPO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY VICTOR ADEGOROYE, DEPUTY PERMSEC EXTAFF.

2. ARIKPO WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER FOR TRADE IN FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (CABINET) OF FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT (FMG). ADEGOROYE TOLD REPORTERS THEY WILL BRIEF NIGERIAN EMBASSIES IN EAST AFRICA ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN NIGERIA.

3. NEWS REPORT IN DAILY TIMES JUNE 17 NOTED

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 THAT ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KAPWEPWE WAS PLANNING VISIT THREE EAST AFRICA CAPITALS THIS WEEK IN EFFORT OBTAIN JOINT AFRICAN APPROACH

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TO NIGERIAN CRISIS. ZAMBIA MAIL QUOTED KAPWEPWE AS SAYING HE WOULD FLY TO DAR ES SALAAM ON JUNE 19 AND THEN GO TO NAIROBI AND KAMPALA. KAPWEPWE WOULD NOT DISCUSS DETAILS BU SAID HE ONLY WANTED TO DISCUSS MATTER "WITH OUR FRIENDS".

4. IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT NIGERIAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT IS ALREADY USING RECENTLY APPOINTED CIVILIANS MEMBERS OF CABINET TO PRESENT NIGERIA'S VIEWS ABORAD. ARIKPO IS HIGHLY RESPECTED EDUCATIONIST WHO ALSO HAPPENS TO COME FROM RECENTLY CREATED SOAVHEASTERN STATE OF WHICH HE IS STRONG SUPPORTER. HE CAN BE EXPECTED MAKE STRONG REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENTS WHICH HAVE PROBABLY BEEN PRESENTED BY REPRYENTATIVES OF OJUKWU ON BEHALF OF "BIAFRA" SIMILARLY, CHIEF TONY ENSHORO WILL LEAD NIGERIAN DELEGATION TO CURRENT SPECIAL SESSION UNGA. ENAHORO IS ALSO STRONG SUPPORTER OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

PAGE 4 RUTALS 10350CC C O N F I D E N T I A L
AND OF TWELVE NEWLY CREATED STATES IN NIGERIA.
LIKE ARIKPO, ENAHORO COMES FROM A SMALL TRIBE
(IN MIDWEST) AND IS VOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF
MINIORITIES.

GP-3. MATHEWS
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Would appreciate report on current Ghanaian attitude re Nigerian crisis and particularly GOG view of results its delegation's visit to Enugu and Lagos.

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1. REFTEL REPORTED NIGERIAN ARMY FMG MAJOR ROGIMI'S REMARK TO DATT THAT FMG PREPARED "GO TO DEVEL HIMSELF FOR ASSISTANCE" IF NECESSARY. EVIDENTLY FMG NOT RPT NOT DESPERATE YET. DEPT'S ATTENTION CALLED TO CAS ANL 1650, WHICH REPORTS FMG REJECTION OF SOVIET OFFER OF ARMS AND PATROL BOATS TO HELP CRUSH REBELLION IN EASTERN NIGERIA. HOWEVER REPORT ADDS, IF FMG DEFEATED OR MILITARY STALEMATE OCCURS FMG WOULD NOT RPT NOT HESITATE TURN TO SOVIETS FOR ANY ASSISTANCE THEY COULD GET.

2. KNOWLEDGE OF FOREGOING WAS CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN BRITISH DECISION TO SUPPLY TWO SEAWARD DEFENSE BOATS AND LIMITED AMOUNT AMMUNITION TO FMG, AS REPORTED IN DAO 0241. BRITISH OBVIOUSLY DO NOT RPT NOT WANT TO LOSE THEIR INFLUENCE, OR MARKET FOR SOME MILITARY HARDWARE, TO SOVIETS OR TO FRENCH.

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1. AFTER TWO DAY TOUR OF ASABA DIVISION MIDWEST MIL GOV
 EJOOB ISSUED STATEMENT JUNE 17 REMINDING PUBLIC OF PRO-
 HIBITION MOVEMENT ALL FOODSTUFFS, INCLUDING CATTLE, FROM
 MIDWEST TO EAST. HE INSTRUCTED POLICE TO ENSURE BAN ENFORCED.
 REASON FOR REMINDER IS THAT EXPORT OF LARGE AMOUNTS FOOD
 FROM MIDWEST TO EAST HAS CAUSED PRICE RISE AND CONCERN
 OVER NEED CONSERVE FOOD FOR USE BY MIDWEST PEOPLE (FYI:

END OFFICERS WHO RECENTLY CROSSED NIGER BY BOAT AT ASABA
 NOTED PROHIBITION HONORED MORE IN BREACH THAN IN OBSERVANCE.
 END FYI.)

2. WHILE TOURING ASABA DIVISION, EJOOB URGED MIDWESTERNERS
 TO FIND MARKET OTHER THAN ONITSHA FOR THEIR PALM PRODUCE AND
 FOODSTUFFS. HE EXPLAINED THAT NIGER BRIDGE CLOSED TO PREVENT
 ENTRY INTO MIDWEST OF EASTERNERS WHO MIGHT FOMENT TROUBLE WHICH
 WOULD COMPEL FNG MOVE TROOPS INTO MIDWEST AND POSSIBLY CONVERT
 MIDWEST INTO BATTLE GROUND. HE POINTED OUT THAT CLOSURE OF
 BRIDGE SHOULD NOT AFFECT PROSPERITY OF MIDWEST PEOPLE BECAUSE
 PRIOR TO OPENING OF BRIDGE IN JANUARY 1966 PEOPLE HAD GOT ALONG
 ALL RIGHT.

3. HE EMPHASIZED MIDWEST DOES NOT WANT WAR, BUT ADDED THAT
 IF ATTACKED MIDWESTERN SOLDIERS " NOW PREPARED MORE THAN OVER

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BEFORE TO DEFEND YOU." HE CLAIMED ARMY IN MIDWEST STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEND LIVES AND PROPERTY AND ASSUMED THAT FMG COMMITTED TO PROGRESS OF PEOPLE OF FEDERATION.

4. COMMENT: BY GOING TO ASABA, ON DOORSTEP OF "BIAFRA", AND MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENTS EJOOR HAS TAKEN FAIRLY STRONG STAND IN SUPPORT OF FMG. ENUGU RADIO OVER JUNE 17-19 WEEKEND RENEVED ITS ATTACKS ON EJOOR. OTHER INFORMATION INDICATES EJOOR WOULD BE PRIME TARGET FOR ASSASSINATION BY IKA IBOS IF FIGHTING BREAKS OUT BETWEEN EAST AND FMG.

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1. BRIG EFFIONG TOLD ME JUNE 11 THAT YESTERDAYS SKIRMISH AT

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OBUDU WAS RESULT EFFORTS NORTHERN PLATOON PREVENT CONSTRUC-

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TION ROADBLOCK ON BIAFRAN SIDE OF BORDER. SAID PLATOON CROSSED

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BORDER WITH TWO LANDROVERS AND LORRIES AND RAN INTO BIAFRA

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AMBUSH. SAID PLATOON SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES AND ABANDONED

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BOTH LANDROVERS AND SOME WEAPONS. NO RPT NO MENTION BIAFRAN

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CASUALTIES BUT APPARENTLY NONE OR VERY LIGHT. SAID GREEN

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BIAFRAN TROOPS AND OBUD VILLAGERS ALL STOOD FIRM DURING TWO

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2. ENUGU CALM AND NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KADUNA 823KK

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1. ALI AKILU INFORMED ME NOON SUNDAY THAT HE HAS HEARD FROM LAGOS FMG DOES DOES NOT BELIEVE EVACUATION AMCITS SOUTH OF BENUE IS NECESSARY. HENCE HE WILL NOT PUT OUT ORDER TO THIS EFFECT OVER HIS SIGNATURE. NEVERTHELESS, AKILU SAID IF WE WISH USE GOVERNMENT SIGNAL

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NET TO PASS ADVICE FROM AMBASSADOR WE FREE DO SO.

2. AKILU SAID HE CHECKED WITH LAGOS RE NEWS REPORT OF FMG STATEMENT THAT MILITARY ACTION LIKELY SOON AND THAT HE WAS INFORMED NO SUCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT MADE. AKILU SAYS HE SURE LAGOS WOULD NOT DELIBERATELY MISLEAD HIM IN MATTER THIS IMPORTANCE. HIS POSITION SEEMS TO BE: MILITARY ACTION COMING SOON BUT NOT JUST NOW.

3. LAGOS TOPEC 1093 (SENT KADUNA) ADVISES PEACE CORPS IN KADUNA QUOTE CONSIDER MOVING PCV'S REMAINING SOUTH OF BENUE UNQUOTE. IN VIEW FOREGOING, WILL CONSULT WITH PCD HERE SUPPORTING THIS ADVICE BUT LEAVING DECISION TO HIM. COULD BE DELICATE FOR PC TO INTERVENE UNILATERALLY TO REMOVE PCV'S AGAINST ADVICE OF GOVERNMENT.

4. PRESENT SITUATION ON EVACUATION ADVICE: SUM ADVISED FRIDAY TO EVACUATE AND PRESUMABLY CONSIDERING NOW WHAT TO DO IN FACE THEIR MEDICAL AND EDUCATIONAL OBLIGATIONS SOUTH OF BENUE.

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A. NEITHER PCVS SOUTH OF BENUE NOR REMAINING SCATTERED AMCIT MISSIONARIES IN OTURKPO OR IN IGALA DIVISION (KABBA PROVINCE) INFORMED OF AMB'S DECISION TO ADVISE THEM TO EVACUATE. AS EMBASSY KNOWS, CONSULATE HAS NO RPT NO WAY REACHING EITHER PCVS OR SCATTERED MISSIONARIES EXCEPT THROUGH GOVT SIGNAL NET OR BY SENDING OFFICER TO BENUE BY ROAD (ONE OR TWO DAYS TRAVEL).

5. UKDHC REPORTS HE SITTING TIGHT WITH NO INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOW US LEAD ON EVAC SOUTH OF BENUE. HE POINTS OUT, HE IN MUCH MORE SENSITIVE POSITION THAN WE SINCE MANY OF UKCITS IN THAT AREA ARE NORTH GOVT CIVIL SERVANTS IN KEY JOBS. HE FEELS STRONG OBLIGATION NOT MOVE AGAINST NORTH GOVT ADVICE IN ANY DEVELOPING SITUATION.

6. IN VIEW INDICATION FROM ANILU (PARAI), DOES EMBASSY WISH CONSULATE PROCEED INFORM SCATTERED MISSIONARIES EVACUATE NOW?
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THOSE AMCITS FROM NSSUKA WHO FEEL **THEY**

HAVE URGENT
BUSINESS AND MUST RETURN TOMORROW CAN RETURN BUT
NOT BEFORE 0700 JUNE 19. THOSE WHO CAN SHOULD REMAIN
ENUGU FOR TIME-BEING. ADVISABLE FOR THOSE WHO RETURN
TO COMMUTE NSSUKA-ENUGU WHERE POSSIBLE SO AS NOT TO BE
IN NSSUKA AREA IN EARLY MORNING.
EMB DOES NOT REPEAT NOT THINK DANGER OF ATTACK HAS
PASSED ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE DELAYED.
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1. REF (A) CAME TO MY ATTENTION SUBSEQUENT TO MY SENDING REF (B).

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2. I INFORMED AKILU SUBSTANCE OF ASIODU AND AYIDA STATEMENT

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(REF -A) INCLUDING FMG INTENTION COMMENCE MILITARY OPERATIONS IN NEAR FUTURE. AKILU ACTED SURPRISED THAT ASIODU BACK FROM LONDON AND THAT STATEMENT HAD BEEN MADE. HE ASKED ME TWICE WHETHER I WAS SURE STATEMENT HAD BEEN MADE IN LAGOS. SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH LAGOS AND WOULD CONTACT ME LATER.

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3. IN VIEW STATEMENT THAT MILITARY OPERATIONS TO COMMENCE SOON, I WILL PROCEED WITH PASSING ADVICE TO REMAINING AMCITS SOUTH OF BENUE TO EVACUATE AREA UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY. GP-3 STOKES
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1. FACT THAT KATSINA DELAYING REPLY OUR REQUEST PASS ADVICE TO SCATTER AMERICAN MISSIONARIES AND FOR WITHDRAWAL PCVS SOUTH OF BENUE IS FURTHER INDICATION STRONG POSSIBILITY IMMINENT MILITARY ACTION. THIS COULD BE TAKEN AS EVIDENCE FMG DOES NOT WANT TO UPSET TIMING OF MILITARY PLANS. IT FAR BETTER WE REMOVE AMCITS AND INDICATIONS PROVEN WRONG THAN WE DO NOT REMOVE AMCITS AND INDICATIONS PROVEN CORRECT.

2. PLEASE TELL LAIRD WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH UKHC AND INFORMED HIM OF OUR DECISION EVACUATE. WE DO NOT WISH UPSET THEIR EVACUATION PLANS BUT IN VIEW OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND BECAUSE WE HAVE SO FEW PEOPLE IN AREA WE GOING AHEAD AND HOPE BE ABLE GET OUR PEOPLE OUT QUIETLY.

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1. HAVE ADVISED SUDAN UNITED MISSION. GBOKO/MKAR EVACUATE
REMAINING 24 ADULTS BUT BELIEVE THEY UNLIKELY BE ABLE FULLY
COMPLY DUE OBLIGATION MAINTAIN MINIMUM STAFF AT HOSPITALS
AND LEPOSARIUM.

PAGE 2 RUTALS 819KK C O N F I D E N T I A L

2. SAW AKILU, SECRETARY TO ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, THIS MORNING
AND TOLD HIM AMBASSADOR WISHED ADVISE ALL AMCITS SOUTH OF BENUE
(IGALA, IDOMA AND TIV DIVISIONS WEST OF KATSINA ALA RIVER) TO
EVACUATE. AKILU SAID IF THAT AMBASSADOR'S WISH HE WOULD SEE
ADVICE IS PASSED TO SCATTERED AMERICAN MISSIONARIES AND WOULD
CONSULT WITH NORTH MINISTRIES CONCERNED RE WITHDRAWAL HANDFUL
PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS IN ABOVE AREA.

3. AKILU TELELONED ME LATER TO SAY HE HAD TALKED WITH
CHAIRMAN HASSAN KATSINA AND LATTER WISHED HOLD UP ACTION UNTIL
HE HAD TIME CONSULT FMG. AKILU SAID ANSWER EXPECTED BY THIS
EVENING.
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 INR 1. AFTER RECEIPT REFTEL AND CONSULTING WITH PARKER, SAW AKPAN 1130Z
 AID JUNE 17
 PC AND INFORMED HIM WHAT WE DOING. AKPAN MADE PREDICTABLE
 SR RESPONSE THAT THERE NO DANGER AND PHONED IG POLICE OKEKE
 ORM FOR LATEST SIREP. ACCORDING AKPAN, OKEKE SAID LATEST
 SCA RADIO INTERCEPTS INDICATED TROOP MOVEMENTS SOUTH OF BENUE ALL
 SCS TOWARD DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND THAT NORTHERN TROOPS
 O INCREASINGLY NERVOUS THAT BIAFRAN OFFENSIVE COMING.
 SY 2. WE BRINGING AMCITS NSUPA TO ENUGU TODAY AND ASKING THEM
 PER REMAIN TO MONDAY MORNING. IF THERE FURTHER CONFIRMATION
 FBO IMINENT DANGER THEY WILL OF COURSE REMAIN ENUGU.
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PAGE 2 RUTANU 849GG S E C R E T
 B. AMCITS OGOJA AND OBUDU DIVISIONS REQUESTED ASSEMBLE LUTHERAN
 HOSPITAL YAKE FOR MEETING WITH CONSULATE REP. COMMUNICATION
 GOOD WITH YAKE AND IF NECESSARY MOVEMENT OUT POSSIBLE IN SEVERAL
 DIRECTIONS.

C. PCV'S ABAKALIKI AREA COMING ENUGU FOR WEEKEND
 CONFERENCE: HALF DOZEN OTHER AMERICANS IN AREA WILL BE BRIEFED
 ON SITUATION AND TOLD STAND BY.
 3. BRITISH SENDING REP TO NSUKKA TO SAY HICOM NOT RPT NOT
 ADVISING COMMONWEALTH CITIZENS WITHDRAW BUT ANY WHO WISH FREE
 TO DO SO. IRISH EMBOFF CARRYING SAME MESSAGE TO ABAKALIKI AND OGOJA

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4. AKPAN SAID HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE NO MASS MOVEMENT WHICH WOULD CERTAINLY CAUSE PROBLEMS. ASKED FOLLOWING BE CONVEYED TO AMBASSADOR: IF THERE NOHATTACK IN NEXT THREE DAYS, AMBASSADOR TO SEND AKPAN CASE OF CHAMPAGNE. IF THERE ACTUALLY AN ATTACK BUT WHIC REPLULSED WITHOUT DANGER TO EXPATS, AMBASSADOR TO SEND ONLY ONE BOTTLE (THIS REPORTED AS INDICATION OF HOW OFFICIALS HERE REGARD POTENTIAL THREAT ON NORTHERN BORDER.)

5. SITUATION ENUGU NORMAL AND CALM WITH NO EVIDENCE UNUSUAL TROOP ACTIVITY.
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5. ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS DO NOT WARRANT RISKING SAFETY OUR PEOPLE BUT UNLESS EMBASSY IN POSSESSION FIRST INDICATIONS NOT KNOWN TO US OF CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER, WE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT JUSTIFICATION FOR WITHDRAWAL WILL NOT OFFSET HAVOC THAT WOULD LIKELY FOLLOW.

6. UNLESS WE ADVISED TO CONTRARY, WE WILL INITIATE WITHDRAWAL 1100Z JUNE 17.
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1. EMBASSY ON JUNE 16 RECEIVED NOTE FROM MINISTRY EXTAFF DATED JUNE 13 STATING THAT EFFECTIVE DATE OF NOTE CONSULAR OFFICES IN FORMER EASTERN REGION REGARDED QTE AS EXISTING SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF THE MISSION'S OWN NATIONALS AND WILL HAVE NO FUNCTIONS AS FAR AS GRANTING FACILITIES TO NIGERIAN CITIZENS IN THAT AREA IS CONCERNED. UNQTE. NOTE ALSO SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT NO CONSULAR OFFICES IN REGION QTE SHOULD ISSUE VISAS TO ANY NIGERIAN NATIONALS APPLYING TO THEM WITHIN THAT AREA. UNQTE

2. SIMILAR NOTES RECEIVED BY UKHICOM AND CAMEROUN AND NETHERLANDS EMBASSIES. SPAIN HAS VICE CONSULATE IN CALABAR BUT SPANISH EMBASSY SAID THIS MORNING IT HAD NOT RECIEVED NOTE.

3. UKHICOM AND NETHERLANDS EMBASSY OF VIEW THAT FMG ACTING WITHIN ITS RIGHTS AND THAT THEIR OFFICES IN EAST (UKDHC IN ENUGU AND NETHERLANDS HONROARY VICE CONSULATE IN PORT HARCOURT) WILL HAVE TO COMPLY. HICOM POINTS OUT THAT VISA PROHIBITION MEANLESS FOR ITS DHC AS NIGERIANS DO NOT REQUIRE VISAS FOR TRAVEL TO UK. NETHERLANDS EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS.

4. CAMEROUN EMBASSY HAS ALREADY REFERRED NOTE TO YAOUNDE AND BEEN INSTRUCTED COMPLY.

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES WE TOO MUST ACQUIESCE IN FMG RESTRICTIONS ON FUNCTIONS ENUGU CONSULATE. FMG COULD HAVE USED MORE SUBTLE MEANS -- E. G., REQUIRING VALIDATION ALL NIGERIAN PASSPORTS IN LAGOS BEFORE ISSUE OF VIASAS, BUT END RESULT WOULD BE SAME. IN ANY CASE, OUR PRIMARY CONCERN IS TO KEEP CONSULATE OPEN FOR PROTECTION U.S. CITIZENS AND INTERESTS. MATHEWS

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REF ENUGU 846 RECOGNIZE VALIDITY YOUR ARGUMENTS AND POSSIBILITY LAGOS PLAYING GAME. ALSO REGRET NECESSITY STEP AWAY FROM UKHICOM ON THIS OPERATION BUT WE CONTINUE REGARD THREAT REAL AND IMMEDIATE ENOUGH TO REQUIRE EVACUATION WITHOUT DELAY AMCITS IN AREA SPECIFIED LAGOS 10297. PROCEED AT ONCE ACCORDINGLY.

2. SAME INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO KADUNA FOR AMCITS REMAINING SOUTH OF BENUE.

3. FYI AS YOU ARE AWARE DEPT'S APPROACH IS TO MOVE PEOPLE OUT OF THE WAY IN TIME PRECLUDE NECESSITY OF MILITARY EVACUATION. UK GENERAL APPROACH IS TO HAVE PEOPLE STAND ASIDE AND GO INTO MILITARY EVACUATION IF WORST HAPPENS.
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1. While in New York on other business Fredericks met Nwokedi (at Nwokedi's request) for informal conversation June 12 in which he heard "Biafra" view of situation. Nwokedi premises were that single sovereign Nigeria finished and that "Biafra" wishes to maintain association of sovereign entities having preferential trade relations, common citizenship and services. It wants to be let alone to develop itself, but FMG preparing militarily to attack.
2. Nwokedi requested that US and UK urge restraint upon Gowon and tell him that they supported the common services scheme. He argued that US programs, for example, would not be affected if proposal accepted and it would even be basis for AID regional programs.
3. Fredericks listened to exposition and made clear that US believed Nigeria should stay together in a form which only Nigerians themselves could determine. Only they can resolve

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1. REPORTS OF LONDON PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH OGBU, ASIODU AND OGUNDIPE (REFTEL) EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS NIGERIAN GOVT TO SEEK ANY TYPE ASSISTANCE INCLUDING MILITARY HELP FROM ANY FRIENDLY COUNTRY "DESPITE POSSIBLE IDEOLOGICAL COMPLICATIONS" (REFTEL) WAS REPEATED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS JUNE 15. UPPER VOLTA RADIO JUNE 15 REPORTED "COMMUNIQUE" (SEE FBIS) ISSUED BY NIGERIAN HICOM LONDON TO EFFECT THAT FMG WOULD NOT HESITATE TO ASK COMMUNIST POWERS FOR MILITARY AID SHOULD ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY SUPPORT FORMER EASTERN REGION (PRESUMABLY THIS BASED ON AFP REPORT WHICH VARIES FROM REFTEL AND REUTERS VERSIONS.)
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1. GARVAIS BAHIZI, CONGOLESE (K) AMBASSADOR TO NIGERIA,
TOLD TIME CORRESPONDENT ALLAN GROSSMAN EARLIER THIS WEEK
THAT LAGOS NEWS MEDIA WERE NOT PERMITTED BY FMG TO INCLUDE
PORTION OF MOBOTU'S RECENT STATEMENT RE BIAFRA (REFTEL A).
DELETED SECTION OF STATEMENT, WHICH BAHIZI SAID HE WROTE,
SAID BIAFRA COULD NOT BE COMPARED WITH KATANGA (THIS
CONFIRMED BY REFTEL B). BAHIZI TOLD GROSSMAN THAT MANY
AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS ARE SYMPATHETIC TOWARD BIAFRA, BUT
NONE ARE GOING TO RECOGNIZE BIAFRA AT THIS TIME.

GP-3. MATHEWS

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1. PRESS SERVICES CARRY VARYING REPORTS OF COMMENTS MADE IN COURSE OF PRESS CONFERENCE IN LONDON JUNE 14 BY PERMSEC EXT AFF (OGFU) AND PERMSEC INDUSTRIES (ASIODU) ON (SHELL/BP) PAYMENT OF PETROLEUM REVENUES. REUTERS REPORTS OGBU AS SAYING FEDGOVT EXPECTED RECEIVE OIL REVENUES QTE DUE ON JULY 1 UNQTE AS NO COUNTRY RECOGNIZED QTE BIAFRA UNQTE AND THERE NO DISPUTE ABOUT LEGALITY OF FEDGOVT.

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COTONOU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH MONITORED BY FBIS (P 150820Z)

REPORTS PERMSECS QTE WARNED OIL COMPANIES NOT TO PAY ROYALTIES

DUE ON JUNE 1 INTO FROZEN BANK ACCOUNT PENDING SETTLEMENT OF

QUESTION SECESSION EASTERN REGION, AND ADDED THAT IF OIL COMPANIES

REFUSE PAY ROYALTIES TO FEDGOVT NIGERIAN NAVY WOULD BLOCKADE

BONNY RIVER ENTRANCE AGAINST OIL TANKERS. TWO ENVOYS POINTED OUT

COMPANIES ARE STILL PAYING OIL TANKER HARBOR DUES TO FED GOVT

ALTHOUGH OIL CONTINUES BE SHIPPED AS USUAL FROM EASTERN PORTS. UNQTE

2. FOR LONDON: CAN YOU GET AUTHENTIC TEXT OF STATEMENTS MADE ON

THIS POINT. MATHEWS

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1. SAW CHIEF JUSTICE SIR LOUIS MBANEFO THURS JUNE 15 WHO SAID
HE RETURNED ENUGU FROM ACCRA ON TUES. SAID HE AND MOJEKWU HAD
FOUND GHANAIANS "VERY UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHETIC" ALTHOUGH
THEY DID NOT RPT NOT INDICATE WHERE THEY STOOD ON BIAFRAN
RECOGNITION, NOR, ACCORDING SIR LOUIS, WERE THEY FORMALLY ASKED
TO RECOGNIZE.

2. SIR LOUIS SAID GHANAIANS NOW ATTEMPTING ARRANGE MEETING
"BETWEEN BIAFRA AND NIGERIA" TO WORK OUT MEANS OF "COEXISTENCE"
WITHOUT RESORT TO VIOLENCE. SAID GHANAIANS TOLD THAT BIAFRA
WILLING PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATING FORMULA FOR COEXISTENCE BUT
QUESTION IS ARE GOWON AND FMG WILLING. SAID GHANAIAN REPLY WAS
THAT IF GOWON REFUSED NEGOTIATE, GHANA WOULD "REEXAMINE ITS
POSITION" RE NIGERIA. SIR LOUIS WOULD NOT SAY WHICH GHANAIAN
OFFICIALS MOJEKWU AND HE SAW.

3. TO QUESTION HOW HE RETURNED FROM ACCRA, SIR LOUIS SAID IT
BY CHARTER PLANE VIA ISLAND OFF COAST WEST AFRICA OWNED BY
THIRD COUNTRY. DENIED IT FERNANDO POO; WOULD NEITHER ADMIT
NOR DENY IT SAO TOME. (COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THERE NOW TWO
LEARJETS OWNED BY SWISS FIRM EXECUTIVE JET AVIATION NOW OPERATING FROM
BIAFRA.)

4. SIR LOUIS ASKED FOR LATEST USG THINKING ON RECOGNITION AND
WAS TOLD IT MUCH TOO SOON EXPECT DECISION ON THIS, YET IN ANY
EVENT WASHINGTON AND PROBABLY EUROPEAN CAPITALS ALSO WILL AWAIT
LEAD BY AFRICAN STATES. SIR LOUIS SAID ON EUROPEAN STATE HAD
INDICATED WILLINGNESS GIVE IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION BUT HAD NOT YET
BEEN ASKED DO SO. HE NOTED ALSO THAT BIAFRA CONSIDERING WHETHER
SUPPLY IBO PLANTATION LABOR TO FERNANDO POO SHOULD BE CONTINUED
(EACH MAJOR TOWN IN EAST HAS SPANISH EMPLOYMENT AGENCY WHICH
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1. ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR DAWIT TOLD AMBASSADOR JUNE 16 OF
FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING ATTITUDE SOME AFRICAN
COUNTRIES TOWARDS NIGERIA AND BIAFRA.

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2. DAWIT LEARNED FROM DEPUTY HICOM OF ZAMBIA IN LAGOS

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(C.S. MUKANDO) THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA WAS QUITE SERIOUS

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IN HIS RECENT STATEMENTS ABOUT TRYING TO FIND PEACEFUL

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SOLUTION TO NIGERIAN TROUBLES. KAUNDA HAS INSTRUCTED

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HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, KAPWEPWE TO GO TO ADDIS TO CONSULT

ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT. KAUNDA'S IDEA IS THAT ZAMBIA AND

ETHIOPIA SHOULD RECOGNIZE BIAFRA AND PERSUADE OTHER AFRICAN

COUNTRIES TO DO SAME IN NEAR FUTURE. KAUNDA APPARENTLY

BELIEVES THAT RECOGNITION WOULD PREVENT BLOODSHED IN NIGERIA.

3. DAWIT SAID HE DISCOURAGED ZAMBIAN SUGGESTION AND SAID

HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO EMPEROR THAT ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT

NOT RPT NOT JOIN IN THIS EFFORT. DAWIT, WHO IS QUITE

SOPHISTICATED ABOUT NIGERIAN PROBLEMS, DOES NOT BELIEVE

KIND OF FOREIGN PRESSURE KAUNDA HAS

IN MIND WOULD IN FACT ARREST FORCES AT WORK IN NIGERIA.

HE PROBABLY REALIZES, ALSO, THAT ETHIOPIAN PARTICIPATION

IN SUCH MOVE WOULD CAUSE VERY UNFRIENDLY REACTION FROM

FMG AND MIGHT ESTABLISH UNWANTED PRECEDENT RE

ETHIOPIAN PROBLEMS WITH REBELS IN ETHIOPIA.

4. DAWIT SAID THAT FMG IS APPARENTLY TRYING TO HEAD OFF

ZAMBIAN INITIATIVE BECAUSE ADEGOROYE, DEPUTY PERM SEC

EXTAFF AND DR. SAMUEL ALUKO (FORMERLY CLOSE ADVISER TO

OJUKWU BUT NOW PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY OF IFE) ARE LEAVING

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TODAY FOR LUSAKA TO PRESENT FMG POINT OF VIEW TO ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS.

5. DAWIT HAS IMPRESSION THAT OJUKWU HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE CORRESPONDENCE WITH KAUNDA. MOREOVER, ZAMBIAN DEPUTY HICOM DID GO TO EASTERN NIGERIA LAST WEEK AND HAD INTERVIEW WITH OJUKWU. SOON AFTER HE (MUKANDO) RETURNED TO LAGOS THIS WEEK ZAMBIA HICOM (NGALANDE) LEFT FOR LUSAKA WITH "ORAL MESSAGE" FROM OJUKWU TO KAUNDA WHICH WAS NOT REVEALED TO DAWIT.

6. WHILE DAWIT TALKING WITH AMBASSADOR, MUKANDO CAME TO EMBASSY TO DISCUSS SAME MATTER WITH DCM. MUKANDO LAMENTED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS NIGERIA AND DANGER OF COUNTRY BREAKING UP. HE SAID AFRICANS GENERALLY WANT NIGERIA REMAIN UNITED BECAUSE FRAGMENTATION WOULD BE BLOW TO ALL OF AFRICA.

HE RAISED GENERAL QUESTION WHETHER THERE IS SOMETHING USG CAN DO EVEN AT THIS LATE STAGE TO RETRIEVE SITUATION. DCM COMMENTED THAT USG HAS BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT NIGERIAN SITUATION FOR MANY MONTHS AND HAS TRIED EXERT WHATEVER INFLUENCE IT HAS FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF PROBLEM. UNFORTUNATELY, THE EMBASSY DOES NOT SEE ANY WAY NOW IN WHICH THE US CAN EXERT INFLUENCE. MUKANDO THEN SUGGESTED THAT PERHPAS SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES MIGHT HELP TO PREVENT WARFARE BY QUICKLY RECOGNIZING BIAFRA. MUKANDO DID NOT IDENTIFY COUNTRIES CONSIDERING THIS MEASURE AND DID NOT INDICATE THAT ZAMBIA MIGHT BE WILLING RECOGNIZE BIAFRA IF OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES WOULD DO LIKEWISE. DCM DISCUSSED VERY DEEP-SEATED TRIBAL ANIMOSITIES IN NIGERIA AND POINTED OUT THAT THESE ANIMOSITIES NOT LIKELY BE RESOLVED SIMPLY BY INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF ONE PART OR ANOTHER. DCM CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING HOPE THAT IF ZAMBIA PERCEIVES ANYTHING THAT COULD BE DONE TO REMEDY NIGERIAN PROBLEM THAT MUKANDO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM IMMEDIATELY SO THAT PROPOSED ACTION COULD BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER.

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USIA 1. GRD OFFICIAL STAND ON CONFLICT BETWEEN EAST AND FEDERAL
NSC GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA IS ONE OF HANDS OFF AND HOPE DIFFERENCES
INR BETWEEN PARTIES CAN BE RESOLVED WITHOUT BLOODSHED. AS REPORTED
CIA OFFICIAL GRD BULLETIN, ACTING FORMIN MADE ABOVE POINT AND INFORMED
NSA NIGERIAN CHARGE ON JUNE 15 GRD DISTURBED BY PRESS REPORTS OF
DOD IMMINENT SHOW DOWN BETWEEN FORCES OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND EAST.
AID STATED GRD READY DO ANYTHING IN ITS POWER HELP RESTORE UNITY
NIGERIA IN ATMOSPHERE OF COHESION AND PEACE.

PC 2. ACCORDING FRENCH AMBASSADOR GEORGY, JUNE 16 PRESS STATEMENT
O RESULT UNSUCCESSFUL FMG PRESSURE THROUGH CHARGE TO SECURE GRD
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RSC PRONOUNCEMENT AGAINST EASTERN REGION SECESSION. GEORGY CONFIRMS
ZINSON VIEWS REPORTED COTONOU 1366 OF JUNE 1, 1967 THAT GRD VIEWS
MAINTENANCE NIGERIAN UNITY AT PRESENT TIME UNREALIZABLE.
CCO CHIEF OF STAFF ALLEY INFORMED DCM HE AND PRESIDENT SOGLO BOTH
AS CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS FOR DAHOMEY OF CONFLICT
BETWEEN EAST AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SOGLO HAS CANCELLED PLANS
TRAVEL EUROPE IN JUNE AND HAS INSTRUCTED ALLEY REMAIN DAHOMEY
UNTIL NIGERIAN SITUATION CLARIFIED. MAIN POINT CONCERN FOR DAHOMEY
IS POSSIBLE IMPACT NIGERIAN CONFLICT ON YORUBA POPULATION PORTO
NOVO AND NORTH OF PORTO NOVO ALONG NIGERIAN BORDER.

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FYI EMB HAS REPORTS WHICH CANNOT BE DISREGARDED THAT MILITARY ACTION MAY BEGIN NEXT TWO DAYS END FYI. AS PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE AXCITS IN NSUKKA AND OTHER PARTS OF EASTERN REGION NORTH OF ENUGU SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED, IF USG DIRECT HIRE OR CONTRACT PERSONNEL, OR ADVISED, IF NON-GOVERNMENTAL, TO PROCEED TO ENUGU FOR WEEKEND PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE EVACUTATION. IF YOU THINK IT NECESSARY AND HELPFUL, YOU COULD SAY TO PRESS AND OTHER NON-OFFICIAL INQUIRIES THAT AXCITS BEING SUMMONED FOR BRIEFING ON CURRENT SITUATION.

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REF: NAIROBI'S 5213 (NOTAL)

1. NAIROBI "DAILY NATION" TODAY REPORTS PRESENCE HERE OF BIAFRA "ROVING AMBASSADOR" AUSTIN OKWU, WHO "OFFICIALLY SENT PLEAD WITH EAST AFRICAN STATES TO UNDERSTAND CASE OF BIAFRA AND LOOK AT IT WITH OBJECTIVE AND SYMPATHETIC APPRAISAL."
2. "NATION" QUOTES OKWU AS FOLLOWS FROM SPECIAL INTERVIEW:
3. ONLY WAY STOP MORE BLOODSHED IN NIGERIA IS FOR AFRICAN STATES TO RECOGNIZE BIAFRA DE JURE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
4. OKWU CARRIES PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM OJUKWU TO KENYATTA, CONTENTS OF WHICH CAN NOT DIVULGE PUBLICLY.
5. DURING NIGERIA'S STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE, IT WAS EASTERNERS WHO PRESSED FOR UNITARY GOVERNMENT BUT THEY ACCEPTED FEDERAL CONSTITUTION TO ACCOMMODATE WISHES OF NORTH. AFTER FIRST COUP LAST YEAR, IT WAS EASTERNER GEN. IRONSI WHO PRESSED FOR STRONG CENTRAL GOVT BUT NORTHERNERS KILLED HIM TO FORESTALL LOSS OWN FOOTHOLD IN LAGOS. NOW NORTHERNER GOWON WANTS STRONG FEDERAL GOVT ON OWN TERMS. STRAW THAT BROKE CAMEL'S

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1. WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE DCM PICKED UP BY MILGOV LAGOS STATE

JOHNSON AND TAKEN FOR INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH MAJ. GEN.

GOWON AT DODAN BARRACKS. GOWON INITIALLY IN SERIOUS MOOD, BUT

QUICKLY BECAME FRIENDLY AND RELAXED. THIS FIRST OCCASION SINCE GOWON ASSUMED POWER THAT DCM HAD TALKED WITH GOWON

WHOM HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN VERY FRIENDLY. DCM'S IMPRESSION

WAS THAT GOWON HAD TAKEN BIG DECISION (PROBABLY TO MOUNT

CAMPAIGN AGAINST EAST), AND THAT HE WAS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE FROM HONOLULU TO BE WITH HIM FROM HIS LOVELY SEAT OF POWER.

FROM "OUTSIDE" TO TALK WITH FROM HIS COMELY SEAT OF POWER.

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CONVERSATIONS.

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2. SUBJECTS COVERED;

A. GOWON COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HOW US AND UK WHO URGED HIM TO TRY TO HOLD COUNTRY TOGETHER LAST AUGUST WERE NOT MORE

HELMED BY FURNISHING HIM EQUIPMENT HE NEEDED TO SUBDUCE THE

REBELLIOUS EAST. HE EMPHASIZED HIS UNSUCCESSFUL LONG TERM

EFFORTS TO TRY TO KEEP THE COUNTRY TOGETHER BY PEACEFUL MEANS

AND THAT ONLY WHEN ALL POSSIBILITIES HAD BEEN EXHAUSTED
HAD HE DECIDED IT NECESSARY TO USE FORCE DCM REPLIED THAT

GIVEN THE RECENT UNHAPPY HISTORY OF ARMS RACES (INDIA-PAKISTAN,

MIDDLE EAST), THE MOOD OF CONGRESS AND AMERICAN PEOPLE WAS

SUCH THAT WE WERE NOT ABOUT TO CONTRIBUTE TO A SITUATION

WHERE NIGERIAN WOULD BE PITTED AGAINST NIGERIAN. HE SAID HE APPRECIATED THIS FRANKNESS AND RECOGNIZED THAT THE US AND UN

WERE AT LEAST NOT HELPING "THE OTHER SIDE". HE THEN ASKED,

ONLY PARTIALLY SERIOUSLY, WHAT US REACTION WOULD BE IF FMG

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THIS WOULD BE INTERESTING SINCE EAST SEEMED TO BE GETTING ITS ARMS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA THROUGH POLAND. HE EXPRESSED HIS

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CONCERN ABOUT THESE SHIPMENTS AND DID NOT PURSUE MATTER FURTHER.
B. IN ANSWER TO DCM'S QUERY ABOUT A REPORT THAT A GHANA DELEGATION HAD BEEN IN ENUGU, HE REPLIED THAT REPORT WAS TRUE AND THAT HE HAD GIVEN HIS PERMISSION TO GENERAL ANKRAH TO SEND THE MISSION, ADDING THAT THE PLANE CARRYING MISSION HAD FIRST LANDED AT LAGOS AIRPORT.
C. GOWON UNDERSTANDABLY WAS NOT RESPONSIVE TO DCM'S ABLIQUE ATTEMPTS TO ELICIT LOCATION AND TIMING OF POSSIBLE MILITARY ACTIONS BUT DID SAY THAT (1) HE HOPED TO TAKE ASABA-ONITSHA BRIDGE INTACT; (2) HE HAD GIVEN STRICTEST ORDERS TO TROOPS NO EXPATS TO BE HARMED IN ANY WAY "UNLESS THEY CARRIED WEAPONS" AND (3) THAT HE WAS GREATLY CONCERNED OJUKWU, TO GAIN WORLD SYMPATHY, MIGHT COMMIT ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST EXPATS IN EAST AND PLACE THE BLAME ON THE FMG (HIS CONCERN ON THIS POINT SEEMED GENUINE ENOUGH). IMPRESSION WAS, HOWEVER, THAT DIE WAS CAST AND ACTION FAIRLY IMMINENT.
D. DCM EXPLORED QUESTION OF ROUTES OF EGRESS FOR REMAINING ANCITS IN AREA IN CASE OF NECESSITY. GOWON REPLIED

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THAT HE HAD WARNED ALL EMBASSIES SOMETIME AGO THAT HE COULD NO LONGER BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SECURITY OF THEIR CITIZENS IN FORMER EASTERN REGION OF NIGERIA. HE SAID AUTHORIZATION OF THE AIRLIFT HAD BEEN DIFFICULT FOR HIM: "PEOPLE AROUND ME SAY WHY DO YOU ALWAYS GO BACK ON YOUR DECISIONS?" I.E. NO FLIGHTS TO EASTERN REGION. HE SAID NIGER BRIDGE WAS CLOSED AND COULD NOT BE REOPENED AND THAT FERRIES CANNOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE. DCM VOLUNTEERED THAT THIS ONLY LEFT TANKERS IN PORT HARCOURT AS WAY OUT OF EAST. HE DID NOT DISAGREE.
E. DCM MENTIONED FMG'S REQUEST THAT AID CAPITAL PROJECTS IN EAST BE SUSPENDED (AIDTO 2269), AND POINTED OUT THAT ONLY ONE REALLY INVOLVED AT MOMENT WAS CALABAR-IKOM ROAD WHICH LOCATED IN NEW SOUTH EAST STATE. IF HE EXPECTED TO PUT EAST UNDER CONTROL SOON AND ACTIVATE GOVERNMENT OF THIS STATE IT DID NOT SEEM TO MAKE GOOD SENSE TO STOP A PROJECT WHICH THE NEW STATE WOULD BADLY NEED. DCM ALSO NOTED THAT LITTLE WORK BEING DONE ON ROAD AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF RAINS

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AND THAT ONCE CONSTRUCTION STOPPED AND MACHINERY REMOVED IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO REACTIVATE. HE DID NOT COMMENT IN

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PARTICULAR BUT BECAME THOUGHTFUL.
F. MANY OTHER MINOR THINGS DISCUSSED AND SEVERAL FALSE
RUMORS ABOUT US-UK ACTIVITIES QUASHED. MESUING WAS IN
FRIENDLY GOOD HUMOR AND DCM LEFT WITH IMPRESSION HE MIGHT
WANT TO HAVE MORE INFORMAL CHATS IN FUTURE.
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DR. THEODORE BROWN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN NEGRO LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, PAID COURTESY CALL ON GOWON JUNE 14. FNG PRESS RELEASE SAYS DR. BROWN DELIVERED MESSAGE OF GOODWILL AND CONGRATULATIONS TO GOWON AND EXPRESSED CONCERN OF AMERICAN NEGROES ABOUT EVENTS IN NIGERIA. GOWON REPLIED THAT MAJORITY OF NIGERIANS GENUINELY WANT TO KEEP NIGERIA TOGETHER. HE SAID NIGERIA MUST MAINTAIN ITS CORPORATE IDENTITY, AND THAT "GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY OF BUILDING A GOOD FUTURE" FOR CHILDREN OF NIGERIA MUST NOT BE ALLOWED SLIP AWAY. MATHEWS
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CURTIS STRONG MENTIONED TO US THAT FRANCIS
MWOKEDI, FORMERLY PERMSEC EXTAFF, IS IN U.S. ON
BEHALF "BIAFRA". WE WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON
CONVERSATION IN NEW YORK BETWEEN MWOKEDI AND DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY WAYNE FREDERICKS.
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1. PARKER AND I SAW OJUKWU AT NOON JUNE 15 ON SUBJECT REFTELS. FOLLOWING BRIEF PRELIMINARIES DURING WHICH WE THANKED HIM FOR HIS COOPERATION IN DEPENDENTS EVACUATION, HE TURNED AT ONCE TO HIS ASSESSMENT OF MILITARY THREAT FROM FMG AND IMPLICATIONS FOR EXPATS REMAINING IN "BIAFRA".
2. OJUKWU SAID NORTHERN BORDER LEAST LIKELY PLACE FOR GOWON TO

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ATTACK BECAUSE OF LOGISTICS PROBLEMS WHICH BEYOND GOWON'S CAPABILITY TO SOLVE; BECAUSE ATTACK FROM NORTH WOULD BE AT HEART OF IBOLAND AND CENTER OF IBO RESISTANCE; AND BECAUSE GOWON STRATEGY IS TO ATTEMPT SPLIT BIAFRAN MINORITIES FROM IBOS. THEREFORE IF GOWON LAUNCHES MILITARY ATTACK, WHICH OJUKWU THINKS GOWON MUST DO UNLESS SOMEONE CAN PRODUCE FACE SAVING EXCUSE FOR GOWON TO AVOID IT, FMG MAIN EFFORT WILL BE IN MINORITY AREAS ALONG COAST.

3. IN DISCUSSING THIS POSSIBILITY, IT WAS CLEAR THAT OJUKWU WAS NOT RPT NOT PARTICULARLY WORRIED. HE LAUGHED AT THOUGHT NIGERIAN NAVY COULD ENFORCE BLOCKAGE OF BIAFRAN PORTS OR MOUNT AMPHIBIOUS INVASION ON BIAFRAN COAST (WHICH PRIMODIAL MANGROVE SWAMP AND WINDING CREEKS OVER MOST OF FIRST TWENTY MILES INLAND.) TO QUESTION HAD NNS NIGERIA OR NNS LOKOJA BEEN SEEN OFF BONNY CHANNEL

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AS RUMORED IN LAGOS, OJUKWU REPLIED CATEGORICALLY THAT NO NIGERIAN NAVAL VESSEL HAD BEEN SEEN NEAR BIAFRAN WATERS IN RECENT WEEKS. SAID HE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE THEY GO WHEN THEY DEPART LAGOS BUT THEY NOT RPT NCT PATROLLING OFF BIAFRA, AND FOR VERY GOOD REASONS.

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4. WE TOLD OJUKWU OUR EXPAT COMMUNITIES ON THE WHOLE FAIRLY RELAXED BUT THAT BUSINESSMEN FINDING IT DIFFICULT CARRY ON NORMAL OPERATION WITH NO MAIL FROM OUTSIDE AND WITH SUSPENSION OF AIR AND SEA TRANSPORT LINKS. OJUKWU HAD LITTLE SYMPATHY FOR THE TRADING COMPANIES AND SHIPPING LINES; SAID IF THEY UNWILLING IGNORE FMG RESTRICTIONS ON TRAFFIC WITH BIAFRA THERE ARE OTHERS READY TO TAKE THEIR PLACES. AS FOR OILCOS AND OTHER FIRMS WHICH NEED TO IMPORT ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT, THEY HAVE ONLY TO INFORM MINISTRY OF COMMERCE WHICH WILL MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS LAND WHAT REQUIRED AT BIAFRAN PORTS.

5. OJUKWU NOTED THAT IN HIS MAY SPEECH TO CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY, AS WELL AS IN HIS INDEPENDENCE SPEECH (ENUGU 769), HE HAD PLEDGED EAST TO PAY ITS FULL SHARE OF THE EXTERNAL OBLIGATIONS INCURRED BY THE FEDERATION PRIOR TO MAY 30. SAID BIAFRA'S SHARE WOULD BE ABOUT 30 PERCENT OF TOTAL. SAID THIS PLEDGE CANCELLED IF THERE A THIRD MILITARY INCURSION ACROSS BIAFRAN BORDER. SAID SECOND ONE OCCURRED JUNE 10 (ENUGU 811); DID NOT GIVE DATE OR PLACE OF FIRST ONE.

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6. OJUKWU SAID HE STILL WILLING MEET WITH GOWON AND OTHERS TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC AND OTHER FORMS OF COOPERATION BUT NOT MUCH TIME LEFT. ADMITTED GHANAIS ATTEMPTING GET MEETING ORGANIZED AND HOPED THEIR EFFORTS WOULD BE USEFUL BUT WAS NOT RPT NOT OPTIMISTIC. SAID HE DOUBTED GOWON WOULD AGREE TO MEETING SINCE GOWON APPARENTLY STILL UNDER IMPRESSION HE COULD "CRUSH REBELLION" BY MILITARY ATTACK OR BY ECONOMIC BLOCKAGE.

7. QUESTION OF RECOGNITION WAS NOT RAISED BY OJUKWU.
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P UP "REPORTS" REACHING PARIS SIMILAR TO THOSE CONTAINED REFTELS
USIA IN TALK WITH EMBOFF JUNE 14, ASKED WHETHER SUCH REPORTS ALSO
NSC REACHING USG. EMBOFF SAID "YES" BUT HARD TO ASSESS THEIR
INR VALIDITY GIVEN AHIDJO'S WELL-KNOWN CAUTION.

CIA 2. QUAI OFF THEN SAID AHIDJO DUE HERE "AROUND JUNE 19".
NSA HE WOULD SEE DEGAULLE, POMPIDOU, COUVE ET AL AND WOULD THUS
DCD HAVE FULL OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS SITUATION. QUAI DOES NOT RPT
AID NOT BELIEVE AHIDJO LIKELY TAKE COMMITMENTS ON ONE SIDE OR OTHER
IN INTERNAL NIGERIAN CONFLICT ANY SOONER THAN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.
CAMEROON'S INTEREST IS TO AVOID FRAGMENTATION NIGERIAN FEDERATION;
PRECEDENT WHICH SUCH FRAGMENTATION WOULD CONSTITUTE IS UN-
RGR HEALTHY FOR CAMEROON POLITICALLY. AHIDJO THEREFORE LIKELY STAY
RSC PRETTY MUCH ON FENCE BETWEEN LAGOS AND ENUGU TO TRY PROTECT
HIS INTERESTS WITH BOTH. ECONOMICALLY, AHIDJO HAS TO WORRY
ABOUT SEA-OUTLETS FOR NORTH CAMEROON TRADE. IF BIAFRA'S
SECESSION ATTEMPT BLOCKS PORT HARCOURT TO CAMEROONS BENUE RIVER-
ROAD BORNE TRADE NOW USING THIS OUTLET, ONLY RELATIVELY EFFICIENT
ALTERNATIVE OPEN TO CAMEROON IS USE OF LAGOS PORT, AS
NORTH-SOUTH TRANSPORTATION IN CAMEROON (TO DOUALA) AND
CAR (TO BANGUI) IMPOSSIBLE DURING RAINY SEASON.

3. MORIZET SAID QUAI HAD RECEIVED REPORTS BIAFRA LOOSING
SOME STEAM. FRENCH NOW WONDERING WHETHER IT CAN MAINTAIN ITSELF.
IN ANY EVENT FRENCH HAD "RECENTLY" RESTATED THEIR POSITION TO
FMG, IN TERMS FAMILIAR TO DEPT: FRENCH HAVE NO WISH INTERVENE
IN NIGERIA; THEY DO NOT INTEND TAKE LEAD IN RECOGNIZING BIAFRA
AND WILL NOT RECEIVE BIAFRA'S EMISSARIES HERE. FRENCH HOPE
AND EXPECT THAT NIGERIANS WILL CLARIFY THEIR INTERNAL SITUATION
THEMSELVES. QUAI OFF ALSO HINTED THAT "ALL CONCERNED" HAD
BEEN REMINDED OF FRANCE'S DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP WITH CAMEROON.

GR. BOHLEN
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SUBJ: PRESS CONFERENCE BY OGBU AND ASIODU

1. TODAY 5 UK PAPERS REPORTED PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN YESTERDAY IN LONDON BY OGBU, PERM SEC IN MINISTRY EXT AFFS AND ASIODU, PERM SEC OF FEDERAL MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, NIGERIAN OFFICIALS

NOTED THAT GOWON HAD SAID HE WOULD TRY TO SOLVE PROBLEM BY PEACEFUL MEANS. IF FORCED TO MAINTAIN INTEGRITY OF COUNTRY, HOWEVER, HE WOULD NOT HESITATE TO USE FORCE. "FMG IS RESOLVED AND DETERMINED TO CRUSH REBELLION AND IS WILLING TO GO TO ANY LENGTH TO DEAL WITH ANY FOREIGNERS WHO INTERFERE ON SIDE OF EAST OR ADOPT ATTITUDE OF NEUTRALITY CALCULATED TO HELP EASTERN REBELLION. IN SUCH SITUATION, FMG WILL CONSIDER ITSELF FREE TO SEEK ANY TYPE OF ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM ANY FRIENDLY POWER, AND WILL DO SO WHILE REGRETTING ANY POSSIBLE IDEOLOGICAL COMPLICATIONS WHICH MAY ARISE. PRESERVATION OF NIGERIA AS ONE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ENTITY WAS PERMANENT ISSUE."

3. OGBU STATED THAT HMG RECOGNIZED ONE GOVERNMENT IN NIGERIA - THE FMG.

4. NIGERIAN OFFICIALS ALSO SAID THAT A TOTAL AND

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COMPLETE BLOCKADE OF SECESSIONIST EASTERN REGION WAS NOW IN OPERATION. THEY ADDED THAT BRITISH SHIPPING AND OTHER FIRMS WERE COOPERATING FULLY, ALSO THAT CAMEROON HAD CLOSED FRONTIER. OIL TANKERS COULD STILL USE BONNY TO PICK UP OIL, AS THEY DID NOT PROVIDE EAST WITH ANY INCOME. OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT OIL COMPANIES OPERATING IN EAST WILL PAY THEIR TAXES TO FMG AND NOT TO ENUGU WHEN NEXT PAYMENT FALLS DUE ON JULY 1.

5. AT SAME CONFERENCE, NIGERIAN HICOM BRIGADIER OGUNDIPE SAID THAT IN SMALL BORDER CLASH BETWEEN FMG ARMY RECONNAISSANCE PATROL AND SOME UNTRAINED EASTERN TROOPS TWO DAYS AGO, EASTERNERS WERE PUT TO FLIGHT WITH CASUALTIES AND SOME CZECH ARMS WERE CAPTURED.

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Attention *Mrs. Mulcott*
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President from Major General
Gowon, Head of Nigeria's Federal Military
Government

Major General Gowon's letter to the President of June 2
was delivered to the State Department and transmitted to the
White House on June 13. The letter is apparently designed to
follow up and expand on Gowon's telegram to the President of
May 30. Our Ambassador in Lagos transmitted the President's
response to the telegram on June 8.

Since the letter contains nothing new, the Department
recommends that the President's reply be brief and noncommittal.
A suggested reply is enclosed.

L. Walker
for

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Suggested reply.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 19, 1967

TO: S/S, Mr. Ben Read

ATTN: Jan Jensen

FROM: Bromley Smith

Attached is revised message
to General Gowon of Nigeria.
Ed Hamilton cleared it, and recommends
it go out by telegram. The President
approved it.

Alice Caubet

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President from
Major-General Yakubu Gowon,
Head of the Federal Military
Government, Commander-in-Chief
of the Armed Forces of the
Republic of Nigeria

Enclosed is a letter to the President from
Major-General Gowon, which was delivered to the
Department by the Embassy of Nigeria on June 13th.
The Department's recommendation as to a reply will
follow shortly.

Carol Br...
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Letter to the President

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Suggested Reply

Your Excellency:

Thank you for your letter of June 2 which supplements your earlier message of May 30 concerning the crisis now confronting Nigeria.

As I indicated in my response to your message of May 30, I remain deeply concerned over the gravity of the current situation. You may be assured it remains my steadfast hope that a peaceful solution will be found which will satisfy the aspirations of the Nigerian people.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency

Major General Yakubu Gowon,

Head of the Federal Military Government,

Lagos, Nigeria.

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Request Embassy deliver following message from President to
General Gowon:

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Your Excellency:

Thank you for your further thoughts on the crisis now con-
fronting Nigeria.

I remain deeply concerned about the grave dangers inherent in
the current situation. It is my steadfast hope that a peaceful
solution will be found.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson END TEXT

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PROPOSED REPLY TO GENERAL GOWON

Your Excellency:

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Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency
Major General Yakubu Gowon
Head of the Federal Military Government
Lagos, Nigeria

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TO AF - Mr. Heubeck

DATE June 13, 1967

SUBJECT

Ltr. to the President from Major-General Y. Gowon, 6/2, re present situation in Nigeria

XXXX Prepare a Read to Rostow

memo enclosing or containing:

_____ Draft reply for President's signature.

_____ Draft reply for signature by _____.

_____ Memo for use as enclosure to reply by White House.

XXXX Comment or recommendation and draft response if appropriate
Direct reply:

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_____ Refer to White House request of _____.

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XXXX Due in S/S by JUNE 16, 1967

NOTES

1. White House referrals must be answered within 48 hours unless otherwise noted. If deadline cannot be met, inform S/S immediately at extension given below.
2. Direct replies to White House mail must be signed at the Assistant or Acting Assistant Secretary level.
3. Unless otherwise noted, direct replies, depending upon the addressee of the incoming letter, must begin: "The President has asked me to reply" or "Mr. _____ has asked me to reply".
4. Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum or comment or comeback copy for the White House is requested.

REMARKS

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SUPREME HEADQUARTERS,
STATE HOUSE,
LAGOS, NIGERIA

2nd June, 1967.

My Dear President,

I have the honour to refer Your Excellency to my telegram of the 30th of May, 1967, in which I outlined the current situation in my country and the steps which my Government is taking to deal with it. I have as much as possible tried to keep you informed of the events since 15th January, 1966 and the steps taken by my Government to achieve a peaceful solution of the problems with which my country has been confronted.

You will no doubt be aware that I had a meeting with the Military Leaders of the Regions of Nigeria at Aburi in Ghana on the 5th of January, 1967. At this meeting, decisions were taken which aimed at reducing tension and resulted in a far-reaching devolution of power from the Centre. In a subsequent decree which I promulgated on the 17th of March, 1967, there was a return to the constitutional position existing before 17th January, 1966. In fact, this decree went beyond that and conferred greater powers on the regional governments than they ever had in our history. This was an attempt to restore confidence as between the component units of the Federation.

Unfortunately, this gesture was not appreciated by the Governor of the former Eastern Region who completely rejected this decree and demanded the right of separate existence for Eastern Nigeria as a sovereign unit.

Only recently, a group of

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His Excellency
President Lyndon Baines Johnson,
President of the United States of America,
The White House,
WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.

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distinguished citizens from all parts of the country formed themselves into the National Conciliation Committee. They submitted recommendations aimed at reducing tension. These included the reciprocal abrogation of economic measures taken by the Federal Military Government and the seizure of Federal Statutory Corporations and Federal revenues by the Eastern Government. These reciprocal actions were to be taken within one week, that is, by May 25, 1967. You are well aware that I accepted the recommendations and issued the necessary instructions which became effective from Tuesday, May 23. The response of the East Military Governor has been completely negative and, after stage-managing demonstrations for "independence", he has now illegally declared the former Eastern Region of Nigeria to be a sovereign state under the name of the Republic of Biafra. Your Excellency would be aware that in an effort to remove any fears of domination throughout the Federation, I created by Decree on the 27th of May, 1967, 12 States. Consequently, there is no "Eastern Region" as such, since it has now been divided into the East Central State, Rivers State and South-Eastern State and Lt.-Col. Ojukwu has been appointed Governor only of the East Central State.

I wish to emphasise that under the present Constitution of Nigeria, Lt.-Col. Ojukwu declaration is illegal and unconstitutional. Consequently, it is of no effect and should be recognised by all friends of Nigeria as an act of rebellion. My Government is taking steps to contain this rebellion, and I will attempt as much as possible to keep Your Excellency informed of developments.

I hardly need to say that our sole aim in taking the present measures is to keep Nigeria together as a sovereign entity. The creation of States has been widely acclaimed by all sections of the Nigerian community with the sole exception of Lt.-Col. Ojukwu. May I accordingly appeal to your Government, in furtherance of the existing cordial relations between our two friendly countries, to refrain from doing anything that will impair the corporate existence, sovereignty and

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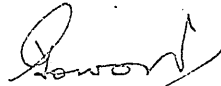
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integrity of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. I am fully confident that any such ill-advised step will be discouraged by Your Excellency and I need not add, therefore, that any attempt at recognition of the rebellious group as a sovereign state will be regarded as an unfriendly act by my Government since it will amount to interference in the internal affairs of my country. I also trust that I can rely on Your Excellency's continued co-operation and understanding.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

Yours very sincerely,



MAJOR-GENERAL YAKUBU-GOWON
Head of the Federal Military Government,
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of
the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 19, 1967

TO: S/S, Mr. Ben Read

ATTN: Jan Jensen

FROM: Bromley Smith

Attached is revised message
to General Gowon of Nigeria.
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PROPOSED REPLY TO GENERAL GOWON

Your Excellency:

Thank you for your further thoughts on the crisis now confronting Nigeria.

I remain deeply concerned about the grave dangers inherent in the current situation. It is my steadfast hope that a peaceful solution will be found.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency
Major General Yakubu Gowon
Head of the Federal Military Government
Lagos, Nigeria

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1. Department inclined to agree with Embassy LAGOS that it probably too late to bring external influences to bear which might prevent armed conflict between FMG and East. Yet it does not wish to discourage any well intentioned effort by Africans to avert such a tragedy. Zambian believed to initiative may have shifted from earlier reported view of seeking prompt recognition of Biafra as means to achieve peaceful adjustment of Nigerian problem. Thus would welcome information/on scope and specifics of proposals which Zambian Foreign Minister Kapwepwe will be making

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in East Africa.

2. Ghana has history of activity in extending its good offices to both sides but latest reports indicate it has no plans except to keep in communication with both Gowon and Ojukwu. If East African states do give momentum to peacemaking effort, Ghana because of its good relations with both disputants might be helpful.

3. Since failure of UK attempt to arrange meeting on Nigerian soil through use of British military contingent, there has been no indication that UK considered it could do more to halt trend of events. Department tends to believe that UK has greater influence on both FMG and GOEN than has US.

4. In view Nigerian developments, US has been giving prime consideration to problem of safety Amcits. Nigerians have been told consistently by us that form of their ties is for them to determine. While recognizing FMG, US wishes maintain its presence in all parts of Nigeria as it awaits final outcome.

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*Re Biafra - Nigeria
PS 7-6 UK-Nigeria*

1. Your assumption correct that Department recognizes UK approach to evacuation its nationals from Nigeria differs from our own. British are apparently more prepared than we to run risks with their nationals, relying in last analysis on military evacuation (locally permitted or not) if necessary to secure their safety. Our emphasis has been, and continues be, on using commercial evacuation facilities to maximum extent possible in hope of obviating need for military. Department therefore recognizes difficulties you have encountered in coordinating E & E measures with British, particularly since they apparently sticking to "heads down" posture. Department nevertheless hopes you will continue your present efforts to coordinate evacuation planning and implementation with HICOM to extent realistically feasible.

2. Appreciate your outline of Embassy priority considerations for evacuation. We fully cognizant your efforts to remove Amcits in orderly

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manner beginning with areas of most imminent danger. We confident you will continue review situation Amcits West and North.

3. Embassy recommendation (para 4 reftel) apparently crossed Enugu's 832 re withdrawal to Enugu of Amcits in Nsukka and elsewhere in northern tier. We continue to leave to your discretion advice on their withdrawal or continued presence at Nsukka.

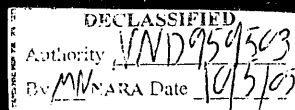
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1. UNABLE OBTAIN OFFICIAL OR OTHER CONFIRMATION THAT KATSINA FLEW
TO GAROUA BUT THERE CERTAIN INDICATIONS HE MAY HAVE DONE SO.

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UNABLE SEE KATSINA FOLLOWING DAY BECUASE KATSINA WAS IN YOLA

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PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 8 HAD BEEN POSTPONED TILL JUNE

9. FROM STILL ANOTHER SOURCE, LEARNED THAT KATSINA IN

KADUNA EVENING JUNE 8.

2. HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH CAMEROON CONSUL JUNE 9
TOUCHING ON SUSPENSION FREE MOVEMENT PERSONS AND GOODS
BETWEEN CAMEROON AS WELL AS REVIEW NORTHERN EFFORTS WORK
OUT ALTERNATE OUTLETS TO SEA THROUGH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES
(WHICH HE CONFIRMED). AT APPROPRIATE POINT I TOLD HIM I
HAD HEARD STORY KATSINA HAD FLOWN TO GAROUA TO TALK WITH
CAMEROON OFFICIALS INCLUDING POSSIBLY AHIDJO. HE EXPRESSED
GREAT SURPRISE AND PREFESSED KNOW NOTHING OF SUCH MISSION.
SINCE HE HAD ASKED VERY FRANK QUESTIONS INCLUDING LIKLIHOOD
WESTERN INTERVENTION IN NIGERIA IS REQUESTED BY FMG (I TOLD
HIM US WOULD NOT) I TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THOUGHT
THAT KATSINA MIGHT HAVE WISHED DISCUSS POSSIBILITY FOR
PASSAGE TROOPS OR PARA-MILITARY THROUGH CAMEROON TO CALABAR.
HE SAID HE DOUBTFUL HIS GOVT WOULD PERMIT ANY SUCH THING
SINCE IT MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS INTERFERENCE IN NIGERIAN
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1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM REFTEL AND MEMCON JUNE 3, 1967 THAT SURREY LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS AGENT FOR BIAFRA, WHICH HAS BEEN DECLARED BY FMG TO BE IN STATE OF REBELLION AGAINST FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. MEMCON GAVE IMPRESSION THAT ONLY POINT OF CONTACT FOR SURREY LAW FIRM IN DEPT. WOULD BE L/AF. YET FIRM IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO SEEK INFORMATION FROM MANY BRANCHES OF US GOVERNMENT.

2. EMBASSY RECOGNIZES DPARTMENT MAY CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE TO PROVIDE UNCLASSIFIED PUBLIC DOCUMENTS TO LAW FIRM. HOWEVER, BELIEVE EMBASSY'S RELATIONS

WITH FMG WOULD SUFFER LESS IF DEPARTMENT WERE TO INFORM NIGERIAN EMBASSY OF SURREY ACTIVITIES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPY ANY MEMCONS IN THIS REGARD.
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1. IN PARA 1 REFTEL DEPT QUESTIONED SUGGESTION THAT AHIDJO MIGHT ALLOW FMG TROOPS MOVEMENTS THROUGH CAMEROON TO ATTACK EASTERN NIGERIA. ALTHOUGH SUGGESTION SEEMS FAR-FETCHED ON FIRST READING, RECENT EVENTS IN NIGERIA HAVE DEVELOPED SO UNEXPECTEDLY, AND THERE ARE NO PRECEDENTS FOR WHAT NOW TRANSPERING, THAT EMBASSY WOULD NOT RPT NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY ALTOGETHER. CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE FROM OUR OWN SOURCES INDICATES KATSINA WENT TO GAROUA ON DATE MENTIONED.

BRITISH (PROTECT SOURCE) NOW HAVE EVIDENCE THAT AHIDJO DID IN FACT MEET KATSINA AT GAROUA, AS REPORTED LAGOS 10191.

2. IT WOULD NOT SURPRISE EMBASSY IF DEAL WAS MADE BETWEEN FMG AND CAMEROONIANS. PRESIDENT AHIDJO AND CAMEROON AMBASSADOR DICKO ARE BOTH MOSLEMS FROM NORTHERN CAMEROON WHO HAVE CLOSE TIES WITH NORTHERN NIGERIA. IT DOES NOT SEEM STRANGE TO US THAT AHIDJO, KATSINA AND GOWON MIGHT LOOK AT SECESSION OF EASTERN NIGERIA AND REBEL REGIME OF OJUKWU FROM SAME POINT OF VIEW.

3. EMBASSY ASSUMES ANY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO FMG FORCES BY CAMEROON WOULD BE KEPT SECRET AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. MEANWHILE CAMEROON GOVERNMENT CAN BE EXPECTED MAINTAIN ITS OFFICIAL POSTURE OF SUPPORT FOR FMG WITH WHICH CAMEROON MAINTAINS CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS. IT DIFFICULT PERCEIVE HOW SUCCESSFUL REBELLION BY OJUKWU WOULD SERVE CAMEROON INTERESTS; AFTER ALL, CAMEROON HAS REBELS WITHIN ITS OWN TERRITORY. MOREOVER, DISLIKE OF IBOS WAS ONE REASON WHY WEST CAMEROON VOTED TO JOIN CAMEROON RATHER THAN STAY WITH NIGERIA IN UN PLEBISCITE

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4. AS FOR TACTIC OF MOVEMENT THROUGH CAMEROON TOWARDS CALABAR, THIS IS MILITARY MATTER WHICH DATT WILL COMMENT ON IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS. EMBASSY HAS INFO INDICATING STRATEGY OF FMG IS TO PROGRESSIVELY BLOCKADE, ENCIRCLE AND ISOLATE OJUKWU' S REBEL REGIME IN IBO HEARTLAND. THIS MEANS FMG WILL PROBABLY TRY ESTABLISH HEADQUARTERS OF NEW SOUTHEASTERN STATE SOMEWHERE IN CALABAR AREA. SINCE THERE ARE NO BRIDGES OVER CROSS RIVER INSIDE NIGERIA, ACCESS TO CALABAR ITSELF IS LIMITED. ONLY DIRECT LAND ACCESS BY ROAD TO CALABAR IS FROM CAMEROON. IF FMG FORCES COULD CONTROL ROAD LEADING FROM MAMFE TO CALABAR AND BRANCH OF THAT ROAD TO IKOM (INCLUDING BRIDGE AT BORDER) THEY WOULD BE IN GOOD POSITION TO ASSIST ESTABLISHMENT NEW STATE HEADQUARTERS IN CALABAR AREA AS WELL AS TO HARASS EASTERN FOR ES IN AREA BETWEEN IKOM AND OGOJA. FMG MAY NOT BE ABLE TO EXECUTE THIS PLAN, FOR VARIOUS REASONS, BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THEY WOULD NOT TRY, PARTICULARLY IF THEY OBTAINED SOME COVERT SUPPORT FROM CAMEROON SIDE.

5. DATTS COMMENTS PARA 2 REFTTEL FOLLOW:

A. INITIALLY, PLEASE NOTE USDAO LAGOS 0230 QUOTES DIRECTLY FROM SOURCE AND MEMO REFERENCED PARA 1 OF REPORT. AS SUCH DATT BELIEVES SOURCES APPRAISAL TACTICAL CAPABILITIES TROOPS INVOLVED IN TYPE OPERATION DISCUSSED MUST BE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AS APPRAISAL DERIVES FROM FOUR YEARS COMMAND DUTY IN NIGERIA WITH GROUND FORCES INVOLVED AND FROM RATHER DETAILED KNOWLEDGE TERRAIN AND WEATHER IN LIKELY AREA EMPLOYMENT.

B. WITH RESPECT DEPT'S DIFFICULTY UNDERSTAND TACTICAL POINT OF VIEW FMG, IF INDEED OPERATION NATURE REFERRED TO ACTUALLY CONTEMPLATED BY FMG; POLITICS OF SITUATION ASIDE, DATT DOES NOT SHARE SAME DIFFICULTY THIS SPECIFIC MATTER. FOR, FROM TACTICAL POINT OF VIEW, IF FMG COULD MOVE ON ANOTHER FRONT FORCE OF SUFFICIENT CONSEQUENCE TO HAVE CHANCE MATERIALLY AFFECT DISPOSITION OF OVERALL STRENGTH EASTERN FORCES ON NORTHERN BORDER, SOUNDNESS OF TACTICS INVOLVED COULD NOT BE SERIOUSLY QUESTIONED SINCE

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ANY FMG ACTION WHICH OFFERS REASONABLE CHANCE SUCCESS IN THIS RESPECT WOULD HVE TO BE ADJUDGED TACTICALLY SOUND. FURTHER, EVEN IF MOVE DID NOT MATERIALLY AFFECT THRENGTH OR DISPOSITION EASTERN TROOPS NORTHERN BORDER, IF OPERATION OFFERED REASONABLE CHANCE FMG FORCES ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN SOME STRENGTH OGOJA OR CALABAR AREAS, MOVE WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED TACTICALLY ACCEPTABLE.

C. DATT FULLY APPRECIATIVE FACT TACTICAL SOUNDNESS WHOLE IDEA COULD BE SUBJECT QUESTION IF MATTER PHYSICAL FEASIBILITY MOVE ALLOWED TO WEIGH TOO HEAVILY IN OVERALL EVALUATION. IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, DATT TENDS ACCEPT EVALUATION THOSE WHO KNOW CAPABILITIES TROOPS INVOLVED IN TERRAIN LIKELY TO BE ENCOUNTERED. AS WILL BE NOTED IN USDAO 0230 SOURCE DOES NOT CONFINE HIMSELF TO SITUATION WHERE MOVE WOULD BE DEPENDENT UPON TRANSPORT CAPABILITY INVOLVED. RATHER, HE TALKS SPECIFICALLY OF FOOT MOVE WITH PORTERS. SOURCE HAS NO DOUBT TROOPS COULD MAKE MOVE ON FOOT AND HIS VIEW SUPPORTED BY OTHER WITH KNOWLEDGE PAST PERFORMANCES AND CAPABILITIES TROOPS INVOLVED. IN VIEW THIS, CONSIDERING ANY ROAD AS QTE VIRTUALLY IMPASSABLE UNQTE IN

EVALUATING CAPABILITIES EITHER SIDE THIS SITUATION OULD BE SERIOUSLY MISLEADING. FOR A RELATIVELY UNSOPHISTICATED NATIVE FORCE WITH RATHER SIMPLE LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS OPERATING IN A NOT UNFAMILIAR ENVIRONMENT QUESTION IMPASSABILITY OF RAODS BECOMES FAR LESS SIGNIFICANT THAN IT WOULD BE IN CONSIDERATION OF MOVE BY SOPHISTICATED ROAD BOUND FORCE.

D. IN SUMMATION, POSSIBILITY SUCH ACTION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED INTO PICTURE AND THUS CANNOT BE IGNORED. FURTHER, IN VIEW LIKELY OBJECTIVES SUCH ACTION, DATT CONSIDERS CONCEPT TACTICALLY ACCEPTABLE AND VERY POSSIBLY WITHIN PHYSICAL CAPABILITIES FMG FORCES INVOLVED.

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(PROTECT SOURCES) CONFIRMING MEETING BETWEEN AHIDJO AND
KATSINA AT GARAU. TEXT FOLLOWS:

QTE. WE WERE TOLD IN THE STRICTEST PERSONAL CONFIDENCE AT
THE QUAI D'ORSAY ON 12 JUNE OF A CONVERSATION WHICH THE
FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN YAOUNDE HAD HAD WITH PRESIDENT AHIDJO

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LAST WEEK. PRESIDENT AHIDJO HAD CONFIDED THAT HE HAD
RECENTLY HAD TALKS WITH KATSINA AT GARAU ABOUT THE
DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE AND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN NORTHERN
NIGERIA AND THE CAMEROON, AND ABOUT CONTROL OF THE CAMEROON
FRONTIER WITH EASTERN NIGERIA.

2. PRESIDENT AHIDJO APPARENTLY MADE NO MENTION TO THE
FRENCH AMBASSADOR OF ACTUAL MILITARY COOPERATION WITH
NORTHERN NIGERIA.

3. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE ABOVE SHOULD NOT GET BACK TO
THE FRENCH AT THIS STAGE. UNQTE.

DATT COMMENTING SEPARATELY ON REFTEL.

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1. REFTTEL A MAKES NO REFERENCE TO COORDINATION WITH BRITISH. I ASSUME THIS REFLECTS DEPT RECOGNITION THAT UK APPROACH TO EVACUATION ITS NATIONAL FROM NIGERIA DIFFERS GREATLY FROM US APPROACH. UK WANTS AS MANY OF ITS NATIONALS AS POSSIBLE TO REMAIN WITH QTE HEADS DOWN UNQTE THROUGH NIGERIAN TROUBLES. IF TROUBLES BECOME TOO DANGEROUS FOR BRITONS, THEY WILL BE EVACUATED BY MILITARY MEANS. DEPT IN CONTRAST DESIRES REMOVE AS MANY AMCITS AS POSSIBLE BY COMMERCIAL MEANS BEFORE TROUBLE BEGINS. UK HICOM RELUCTANTLY AND BELATEDLY WENT ALONG WITH US PRECAUTIONARY EVACUATION OF DEPENDENTS FROM EAST AND MAY AGREE REMOVE PRINCIPALS FROM NORTHERN TIER OF EAST (REFTTEL),

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BUT I CONSIDER IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY HICOM WILL GO MUCH FURTHER. I ACCORDINGLY REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHAT EXTENT I SHOULD CONTINUE EFFORTS TO COORDINATE EVACUATION PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION WITH HICOM.

2. MY PRIMARY CONCERN IS WITH SAFETY AMCITS IN AREA SOUTH OF BENUE AND NORTH OF ENUGU WHO COULD BE CAUGHT IN FIRST MILITARY ACTION. SECOND CONCERN RELATES TO REMAINDER OF EASTERN NIGERIA WHICH COULD QUICKLY BECOME DISTURBED AREA IF FMG FORCES SHOULD SUCCEED IN BREAKING THROUGH TO ENUGU. IF FMG FORCES REPELLED NORTH OF ENUGU, DANGER TO AMCITS SOUTH OF ENUGU PROBABLY NOT GREAT. THIRD CONCERN IS FOR REST OF COUNTRY WHERE, IF FMG FORCES DEFEATED, DISTURBANCES COULD DEVELOP. I DO NOT BELIEVE TROUBLE WOULD OCCUR IMMEDIATELY AS AUTHORITY IN REST OF COUNTRY, SUPPORTED BY AWOLowo IN WEST AND LAGOS, WOULD MAKE MAJOR EFFORT CONTROL SITUATION. THERE SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE TIME ARRANGE ORDERLY EVACUATION BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY AFTER FMG DEFEAT. IN SUMMARY, PRIORITY AREAS FOR EVACUATION ARE (1) SOUTH OF BENUE AND NORTH OF ENUGU, (2) CONTINGENT ON FMG MILITARY SUCCESS, REST OF EASTERN NIGERIA AND (3)

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CONTINGENT ON FMG MILITARY DEFEAT, REST OF COUNTRY.

3 I REGRET APPARENT NECESSITY OF ASSURING DEPT THAT MY LAGOS ASSOCIATES AND I ARE NOT RPT NOT MOTIVATED IN APPROACH TO EVACUATION PROBLEMS BY FAVORITISM FOR FMG OR ANY SECTION OF COUNTRY. OUR MAJOR OBJECTIVES ARE TO ORGANIZE ANY REQUIRED EVACUATION IN SUCH A WAY AS TO REMOVE AMCITS IN ORDERLY MANNER BEGINNING WITH AREAS OF MOST IMMINENT DANGER AND TO PRESERVE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF US LONG RANGE INTERESTS IN NIGERIAN AREA. IN LATTER CONNECTION, I DETECT IN SOME DEPT MESSAGES APPARENT BELIEF THAT BY REMOVING AMCITS FROM ALL NIGERIA WE WOULD PERSUADE NIGERIANS OF OUR IMPARTIAL GODD WILL TOWARD ALL PARTS OF COUNTRY. WITH ALL RESPECT I SUBMIT THAT THIS IS FALLACIOUS. ALTHOUGH SOME FMG OFFICIALS AND STRONG SUPPORTERS VIEW WITHDRAWAL OF EXPATRIATES FROM EAST AS PSYCHOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC BLOW TO OJUKWU, MANY OF THESE PEOPLE SHARE WITH LESS COMMITTED INFORMED PUBLIC UNEASINESS AND CONCERN AT IMPLICATION WITHDRAWAL EXPATRIATES FROM ANY PART OF COUNTRY. FOR MOST INFORMED NIGERIANS WITHDRAWAL EQUAL DESERTION AND WILL BE LONG

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REMEMBERED. IF AMCITS GO WITHOUT BIRITISH SUBJECTS, THIS TOO WILL BE REMEMBERED.

4. REFTEL C REPORTS ENUGU'S RELUCTANCE TO REMOVE AMCITS FROM NSUKKA ON GROUND EASTERN DEFENSES WILL STOP FMG FORCES AT BORDER. ENUGU MAY BE RIGHT, BUT I DO NOT THINK WE SHOULD TAKE GAMBLE. I ACCORDINGLY RECOMMEND THAT AMCITS BE ADVISED PROCEED TO ENUGU FROM NSUKKA AND OTHER EEASTERN POINTS NORTH OF ENUGU (REFTELD).

5. DEVELOPMENTS HERE ARE UNPREDICTABLE AND I CAN GIVE NO ASSURANCE THAT AMCITS ELSEWHERE IN COUNTRY WILL NOT BE ENDANGERED, ALTHOUGH WE SEE NO IMMINENT THREAT IN LAGOS, WEST OR NORTH. AT THIS STAGE, I BELIEVE IT IS FOR DEPT TO DECIDE WHETHER IT WISHES AMCITS WITHDRAWN NOW FROM REST OF EAST OR FROM ENTIRE COUNTRY. WE BELIEVE IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES BEST WAY TO EVACUATE AMCITS FROM EAST IS BY TANKER FROM PORT HARCOURT/BONNY TO LAGOS FOR ONWARD CARRIAGE BY CHARTERED AIRCRAFT. DCR REST OF COUNTRY WE BELIEVE USUAL AIR SERVICE SUPPLEMENTED BY SOME CHARTERED AIRCRAFT WILL SERVE.

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JOINT BRIT DEP HICOM/AMCONSULATE MESSAGE

1. PARKER AND I TOGETHER SAW AKPAN TWICE TODAY. THE SECOND TIME AFTER RECEIPT LAGOS 10190. IN FIRST MEETING AKPAN MORE THAN LITTLE SHAKEN BY OUR ANNOUNCEMENT THAT OUR PRINCIPALS IN LAGOS BELIEVED CIRCUMSTANCES DEMANDED WE CONSIDER ORDERING IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL EXPATS FROM NORTHERN BORDER. AKPAN SAID AREA NORTH

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OF BORDER BEING WATCHED VERY CLOSELY AND THAT HE HAD NO INFO WHICH WOULD INDICATE SUCH MOVE NECESSARY. SAID ABRUPT EVACUATION WOULD CAUSE PANIC AT UNIVERSITY AND PRODUCE STRONG REACTION AGAINST US AND UK. SAID HE WOULD SEE MILGOV OJUKWU IMMEDIATELY FOR LATEST SITREP AND TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENT FOR PARKER AND ME.

2. SECOND MEETING WITH AKPAN WAS IN AFTERNOON WHEN HE TOLD US OJUKWU INDISPOSED BUT WOULD SEE US THURSDAY JUNE 15. SAID OJUKWU "APPRECIATED" POSITION PARKER AND I IN RE SAFETY OUR CITIZENS, BUT "MUCH AMUSED" BY REPORTS COMING FROM LAGOS IN VIEW RECENT RADIO INTERCEPTS FROM NORTHERN TROOPS SOUTH OF BENUE. SAID NORTHERNERS REPORTING THAT BRIGADE BIAFRAN TROOPS MASSING FOR ATTACK ON BENUE PROVINCE WITH SUPPORT FROM 20 HEAVY BOMBERS. SAID NORTHERN TROOPS EXPRESSING CONCERN THEY WILL BE TRAPPED WHEN BIAFRANS ATTACK. (AKPAN SAID INFO ON INTERCEPTS FOR PARKER AND ME ONLY AND MUST NOT RPT NOT BE REPORTED BY US.)

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3. WE GAVE OUR POSITION ALONG LINES 10190 WHICH HE CONCEDED WAS QUITE REASONABLE. HE ASSURED US WE WOULD BE KEPT INFORMED OF ANY INDICATIONS OF BUILDUP FOR ATTACK FROM NORTH.

STATED THAT ALL ROADS DEEPLY "CRATERED" ON BIAFRAN SIDE OF BORDER WHICH MAKES IMPOSSIBLE RAPID MOTORIZED THRUST TO SOUTH. AKPAN GREATLY RELIEVED WE NOT PULLING OUR PEOPLE BACK YET AND SUGGESTED THAT WAR SCARES EMANATING FROM LAGOS PART OF FMG EFFORTS DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE DISRUPT NORMAL LIVES OF EXPATS IN EAST.

4. AKPAN DID NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY ATTACK ON NORTHERN OR WESTERN BORDERS, BUT SAID HE SURE AWOLOWO AND WESTERN REGION WILL NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT

THIS AND SUPPORT OF WEST WOULD BE CRITICAL. SAID HE EXPECTS ACTION MORE LIKELY ON SEA WHEN SHIPS BEGIN CALLING AT BIAFRAN PORTS IN DEFIANCE OF BLOCKADE. SAID SHIPPING MOST PRESSING NEED AT MOMENT AND ONE WHICH GETTING URGENT ATTENTION FROM BIAFRAN GOVT.

5. WEBBER NOW IN CALABAR/UYO AREA AND SO PARKER HAS SENT WILLIAMS TO NSUKKA TO EXPLAIN POSITION AND ATTEMPT PERSUADE INDIANS MOVE DEPENDENTS TO ENUGU UNTIL SITUATION CLARIFIES. WORD BEING PASSED QUIETLY ALL EXPATS ON NORTHERN TIER TO BE ON ALYRT.

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- OF LAGOS WILL BE RESTRICTED WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW,
- JUNE 15.
- CCO 3. " NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER LAGOS
- BETWEEN 7 PM IN EVENING AND 6 AM OF FOLLOWING
- MORING. ALSO VEHICLES AND PASSENGERS ENTERING
- LAGOS WILL BE SUBJECTED TO MORE RIGOROUS SEARCHES
- AT ROAD BLOCKS AND OTHER CHECK POINTS FOR SECURITY
- CLEARANCE.
- ② 4. "THERE WILL ALSO BE ON SPOT CHECKS OF
- PASSENGERS ARRIVING IN LAGOS BY TRAIN AT ALL
- RAILWAY STATIONS.

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5. "POLICE RIVER PATROLS WILL ALSO BE INTENSIFIED AND PEOPLE TRAVELING TO LAGOS THROUGH CREEKS ARE WARNED THAT NO RIVER CRAFT WILL BE ALLOWED INTO LAGOS BETWEEN 7 PM AND 6 AM
6. "POLICE HAVE BEEN EMPOWERED TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ENFORCE THESE NEW SECURITY MEASURES, AND

PUBLIC ARE REQUESTED IN THEIR OWN INTEREST TO CO-OPERATE IN MAKING TASK OF POLICE LESS DIFFICULT."

7. ANNOUNCEMENT FIRST MADE ON 2:00 PM LOCAL TIME LAGOS NEWS BROADCAST. ACCORDING TO REUTERS CORRESPONDENT, INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE EXPLAINED THIS AFTERNOON THAT TRAFFIC TO AIRPORT WILL BE ALLOWED CONTINUE AND THAT MAIN ROAD BLOCKS WILL BE OUTSIDE OF LAGOS ENVIRONS ON ROADS TO IKORODU AND ABEOKUTA.

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PC WITH INCREASING PROBABILITY OF EARLY MILITARY ACTION IN
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1. UPON RETURN FROM ENUGU WACH REPORTS STORY THAT SAFRAP HAS STRUCK OIL IN SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES JUST ON BORDER FORMER EASTERN AND NORTHERN REGIONS. STRIKE REPORTED TO BE IN ANAMBRA RIVER VALLEY WHERE SMALL FINGER OF FORMER EASTERN REGION EXTENDS INTO FORMER NORTHERN REGION JUST SOUTHEAST OF IDAN. OIL REPORTEDLY ON BOTH SIDES OF INTER-STATE BORDER. SAFRAP REPRESENTATIVE SAID NEWS OF STRIKE BEING KEPT SECRET BY

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COMPANY FROM BOTH ENUGU AND LAGOS OFFICIALS SINCE COMPANY MOST ANXIOUS KEEP TROOPS FROM FIGHTING OVER THIS PREVIOUSLY RELATIVELY ISOLATED SECTOR.

2. IF CONFIRMED THIS STRIKE OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE. NOT ONLY DOES IT REPRESENT FIRST INDICATION OF OIL IN FORMER NORTHERN REGION TERRITORY BUT MAY WELL INDICATE PRESENCE OF OIL IN COMPLETELY NEW TYPE STRUCTURES. UNDERSTAND ENUGU REPORTING FURTHER DETAILS.
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1. EMBASSY OFFICER WACH WAS ON TDY IN EASTERN REGION TO ASSIST AMERICAN EVACUEES FROM PORT HARCOURT JUNE 4-7. HE RETURNED LAGOS BY CAR JUNE 11 VIA NIGER FERRY AT ONITSHA. HE DROVE TO ENUGU VIA ABA AND UMUAHIA JUNE 8, VISITED NSUKKA JUNE 10.

2. CONVERSATIONS WITH EASTERN OFFICIALS REPORTED SEPARATELY FROM ENUGU BUT OVERALL IMPRESSION OF SECESSIONIST AREA IS THAT POPULATION THERE PREPARED FOR PERIOD OF STRIFE AND CONFIDENT OF OUTCOME. CIVILIAN OFFICIALS AND HAPHAZARD MAN-IN-STREET CONTACTS SUCH AS TAXI DRIVERS AND TRADESMEN UNIFORMLY CERTAIN OF FUTURE SUCCESS THEIR ARMY AGAINST FMG MILITARY FORCES. PREVAILING OPTIMISM NOT BASED ON CONSPICUOUS PRESENCE ARMED FORCES, WHICH SELDOM SEEN, BUT APPARENTLY ON CONVICTION SUPERIORITY EASTERN LEADERSHIP, RESOURCES AND JUSTICE OF CAUSE WHICH CONVICTION ASSIDUOUSLY ENCOURAGED BY ALL TYPES PUBLIC MEDIA.

3. RELAXED ATMOSPHERE OF ENUGU AND OTHER EASTERN CITIES ALREADY REMARKED BY EARLIER TRAVELERS. NO ARMY ROADBLOCKS NOTED EXCEPT JOINT MILITARY/POLICE CHECKPOINT AT TOP MILLIKEN HILL NEAR ENUGU; ONLY TWO CASUAL POLICE CHECKPOINTS SEEN BETWEEN PORT HARCOURT AND ENUGU AND NONE ON NSUKKA ROAD. SOLDEIRS WELL REGARDED BY POPULACE IN AREAS NOTED.

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4. NO SIGNS YET ECONOMIC RECESSION BUT DIRE PREDICTIONS RIFE AMONG BUSINESSMEN BOTH IBO AND EXPAT. ALL OFFICIALS CLAIM EASTERN PUBLIC WILLING ACCEPT LONG PERIOD HARDSHIP TO RETAIN INDEPENDENCE BUT THIS PROBABLY WHISLING IN DARK. NUMEROUS FULANI CATTLE SEEN IN ENUGU STREETS. USAID REPRESENTATIVE IN BENIN SAID MIDWEST SOLDIERS VISITED LOCAL VILLAGES TO TELL TRADERS THAT TRAFFIC ACROSS NIGER WAS APPROVED, AND EVIDENCE OF THIS OBVIOUS IN ONITSHA AND ENUGU.

5. USUAL POLITICAL COMMENT BY EASTERNERS BEGINS WITH REMINDER THAT THOUSANDS EASTERNERS KILLED IN MAY AND SEPTEMBER 1966 DISORDERS IN NORTHERN NIGERIAN. EASTERNERS THEREFORE UNABLE ACCEPT FMG RULE EXCEPT IN LOOSE CONFEDERATION SINCE FMG HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR MASSACRES. THEY SAID FMG GUILTY BECAUSE IT HAD NOT INVESTIGATED OR EXPRESSED ANY SORROW FOR TRAGEDY. ECONOMIC OR OTHER ARGUMENTS FOR NIGERIAN UNITY EVOKED CITATION OF ATROCITY STATISTICS OR STORIES PLUS REMARK THAT LOOSE CONFEDERATION WOULD PRESERVE UNITY ANYWAY.

6. EMOFF TALKED WITH SOME MINORITY REPRESENTATIVES WHO OBVIOUSLY CIRCUMSPECT OR EVASIVE IN POLITICAL REMARKS. RESIDENT OBSERVERS BOTH NIGERIAN AND FOREIGN IN EASTERN REGION ATTRIBUTED COOPERATION OF MINORITIES WITH OJUKWU GOVERNMENT TO WIDE-SPREAD BELIEF IN SUPERIOR "STRENGTH" OF EAST AND CONSEQUENT FUTILITY OF OPPOSITION, AS WELL AS TO UNHAPPINESS WITH CHOICE OFFERED BY FMG WHICH ALSO UNPOPULAR AMONG SOME MINORITY LEADERSHIP.

7. ABOVE GENERAL IMPRESSIONS ARE THOSE OF VISITOR FROM OUTSIDE OF REGION. TO SUCH AN OBSERVER FROM LAGOS IT APPEARS THAT EITHER FMG OR EASTERN GOVERNMENT, OR BOTH, BADLY OVERCONFIDENT AND PERHAPS BOTH SIDES LACK DECISIVE SUPERIORITY OVER OPPONENT IN A CONFLICT.

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HOWEVER, WE DOUBT EASTERN ABILITY TO GIVE SUFFICIENT ADVANCE WARNING FOR OUR PURPOSES AND YOU SHOULD THEREFORE SEND WEBBER (UK) TO EXPLAIN POSITION TO THOSE AT NSUKKA AND TO GIVE STRONGEST ADVICE THAT THEY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO MOVE ON VERY SHORT NOTICE IF INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US, YOU, OR AREA WARDEN (UK) INDICATES THEIR SAFETY IS IN JEOPARDY.

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1. LAGOS NEWSPAPERS MORNING POST AND DAILY TIMES TODAY
(JUNE 13) REPORT PRESS INTERVIEW AT LAGOS AIRPORT WITH LTC HASSAN
KATSINA YESTERDAY. KATSINA SAID GOWON WILL

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FULFILL HIS PLEDGE TO "CRUSH OJUKWUS ILLEGAL REGIME." HE ATTRIBUTED
DELAY IN LAUNCHING ATTACK TO NECESSITY COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS. HE
SAID HE EXPECTING "GO-AHEAD ORDER" FROM GOWON AND THAT HE, KATSINA,
WOULD BE AT BATTLEFRONT WHEN WAR BEGINS. ONCE ORDER GIVEN IT WOULD
BE MATTER OF "ONLY HOURS BEFORE OJUKWU AND HIS MEN ARE ROUNDED UP."

2. ASKED WHY HE DID NOT HOLD ONE OF MILITARY GOVERNORSHIPS,
KATSINA REPLIED HE HAD BEEN OFFERED ONE WHEN NORTHERN REGION
ABOUT TO BE DIVIDED INTO SIX STATES BUT HE REJECTED IT. HE SAID HE
WAS FED UP WITH CIVILIAN DUTIES AND WANTED TO RETURN TO ARMY LIFE.
HOWEVER, HE IMMERSSED IN PROBLEM SETTING UP NEW STATES.

3. ACCORDING POST, A REPORTER COMMENTED ON IMPRESSIVE WHITE
LACE AGBADA KATSINA WEARING AND REMARKED, "YOU ALWAYS LOOK HANDSOME
IN NATIONAL COSTUME BUT TOUGH AND TERRIFYING IN MILITARY DRESS."

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KATSINA SAID, "IT IS BECAUSE I AM A SOLDIER, I LIKE MILITARY DRESS. YOU HAVENT SEEN ANYTHING AT ALL. COME AND SEE ME WHEN NEXT I PUT ON MY FULL MILITARY UNIFORM FOR ACTION AGAINST OJUKWU."

4. KATSINA SAID CONSIDERATION WOULD BE ACCORDED INNOCENT CITIZENS

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IN EASTERN STATES BUT, PITIABLY, BLOOD OF INNOCENT PEOPLE WILL BE SHED, THIS WOULD HAPPEN, HE ADDED, BECAUSE "IT IS THE PLAN AND WISH OF LTC OJUKWU AND NOBODY ELSE." HE CONDEMNED EASTERN RADIO FOR ITS HARMFUL PROPAGANDA AND SAID, "TELL THE ENBS THAT WHEN THE **ORDER IS** GIVEN THEY WILL BE SILENCED IN TWO **MINUTES**".

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1. WE ASSURED BY EASTERN AUTHORITIES THERE NO RPT NO SIGNS
IMMINENT FMG ATTACK ON EAST; IF ATTACK APPEARS IMMINENT EAST
WILL MEET IT OUTSIDE EASTERN TERRITORY, AND SECURITY EXPATS IN
EAST GUARANTEED. (FYI---GOEN CONVINCED IF FIGHTING STARTS
WEST WILL BE LOCALE GREATEST DISTURBANCE AND DANGER TO EXPATS.
END FYI).

2. FOR REASONS ENUGU 640 WE BELIEVE ADVICE THAT NON USG
DEPENDENTS IN EAST EVACUATE MAY RESULT IN PANIC SITUATION
SINCE FACILITIES DEPARTURE NOT RPT NOT AVAILABLE.

3. ANY REQUEST GOEN FOR CLEARANCE EVAC FACILITIES FROM THIS
REGION ONLY WILL GRAVELY RISK EAST CONCLUSION WE INTEND
SUPPORT PLANNED INVASION AND THAT EVENTUAL RECOGNITION BIAFRA RULED

OUT. CONCLUSION COULD WELL PROVOKE:

- A. HOSTILE POPULAR ACTION AGAINST LARGE EXPAT COMMUNITY.
B. PREEMPTIVE ATTACK BY EAST AGAINST FMG.

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4. IN VIEW FOREGOING REQUEST IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION WE SHOULD PROCEED ACCORDING REFTELS. WISH EMPHASIZE ONCE PARTIAL EVAC UNDERTAKEN THIS REGION ONLY WE SHOULD PLAN FOR PROBABILITY TOTAL EVAC WILL BECOME NECESSARY.

5. PARKER CONCURS THIS ASSESSMENT.

6. TRANSMIT DEPTTEL REFERRED TO IN LAGOS 9631 SOONEST.

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1. YAOUNDE 2266 AND LAGOS 10008 REPORTED ACTION TAKEN BY CAMEROON AND NIGERIAN GOVERNMENTS TO CONTROL MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND GOODS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. BRITISH HICOM LAGOS RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM BRITISH EMBASSY YAOUNDE WHICH STATED "CAMEROON CONSUL IN ENUGU IS NOT IN ANY CASE EMPOWERED TO ISSUE VISAS", BUT THIS NOT IN ACCORD OUR UNDERSTANDING. CAMEROON AMBASSADOR DICKO GAVE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION TO POL COUNSELOR JUNE 13.

2. CAMEROON CONSULS IN ENUGU AND KADUNA CAN GRANT VISAS FOR VALID NIGERIAN PASSPORTS, BUT VISA APPLICATIONS HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY CAMEROON EMBASSY LAGOS. BECAUSE CAMEROON EMBASSY HAS NO DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS WITH ENUGU, CONSUL TELEPHONES BUEA FROM WHERE MESSAGES ARE PASSED BY TELEPHONE (WHEN IT IS WORKING) OR TELEGRAPH TO YAOUNDE AND LAGOS.

3. CAMEROON RECOGNIZES ONLY PASSPORTS ISSUED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA AND VISAS ARE NOT RPT NOT BEING STAMPED ON "BIAFRAN" TRAVEL DOCUMENTS. DICKO EXPRESSED STRONG VIEW THAT CAMEROON WILL NOT RECOGNIZE "BIAFRA".

4. IN PRACTICE, THEREFORE, FEW VISAS ARE BEING ISSUED IN ENUGU BUT CAMEROON EMBASSY IN LAGOS HAS HAD MANY VISA REQUESTS. MATHEWS

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1. NIGER BRIDGE AT ASABA-ONITSHA DEFINITELY CLOSED
VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC. SOLDIERS AT ROAD-
BLOCK NEAR ENTRANCE ASABA SIDE OF BRIDGE TOLD TWO OFFICIALS
AMERICANS YESTERDAY (JUNE 12) THAT NO ONE PERMITTED TO

CROSS BRIDGE, NO ONE HAD CROSSED LAST SEVERAL DAYS.

2. EMBOFF AND COMM TECH WERE ABLE TAKE POUCHES WITH
MAIL AND COMMO EQUIPMENT FOR CONSULATE ENUGU ACROSS
NIGER ON BOAT. REIVER HEAVILY TRAFFICKED BY SMALL BOATS
OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS CARRYING PERSONS AND SMALL CARGO. AT
BOAT LANDINGS VIRTUALLY NO CONTROL OF MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE ON
ASABA SIDE, LITTLE MORE THAN PERFUNCTORY CHECK ONITSHA SIDE.

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1. IF SITUATION AS SERIOUS AS INDICATED REFTEL WE SEE NO CHOICE BUT TO WITHDRAW PEOPLE FROM NORTHERN BORDER ASAP. SHOULD BE ABLE GET MOST STARTED TO POINTS AWAY FROM BORDER WITHIN HOURS AFTER NOTIFICATION GIVEN.8 WITH INEVITABLE STRAGGLERS MOVING NEXT DAY. FORESEE NO PROBLEM COMMUNICATING WITH NSUKKA BUT EXPATS IN ABAKALIKI AND OGOJA MORE DIFFICULT TO REACH.

2. WE BELIEVE MILGOV OJUKWU MUST BE INFORMED OF INTENDED MOVE SOONEST, BUT WE PROPOSE GO THROUGH AKPAN. UNIVERSITY VICE CHANCELLOR NJOKU CAN BE TOLD ONE CHIEFSEC AND MILGOV NOTIFIED.

3. SINCE BORDERS AND AREA SOUTH OF BENUE UNDER DAY AND NITE AERIAL SURVEILLANCE BY EAST, ANY MOBILIZATION BY FMG FOR ATTACK IN STRENGTH WILL LIKELY BECOME KNOWN TO OJUKWU WELL BEFORE NORTHERN COLUMNS REACH OR PENETRATE VERY FAR BEYOND BORDER. ROADS APPROACHING ENUGU IDEALLY SUITED FOR DEFENSE, PASSING THROUGH ROUGH TERRAIN, HEAVY BUSH OR FOREST, WITH MANY NARROW BRIDGES AND DEEP RAVINES. OTURKPO-NSUKKA-ENUGU ROAD RUNS ON CREST OF ESCARPMENT, WITH NO ALTERNATIVE ROUTES IF ROAD BLOCKED. THUS PROGRESS NORTHERN FORCES TO ENUGU EXPECTED BE VERY SLOW IF EAST PRESENTS ANY DEFENSE AT ALL: ENUGU REGARDED THEREFORE AS ACCEPTABLE SAFEHAVEN, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF COMMUNICATIONS AND AIRFIELD SHOULD THIS BE NEEDED FOR EVACUATIONS.

GRM IN VIEW OF FACTORS PARA 3, AND UNLESS FMG TROOPS ALREADY ON MARCH SOUTH OF BENUE, WE WOULD EXPECT OJUKWU'S REACTION TO WITHDRAWAL EXPATS FROM NSUKKA TO BE STRONGLY ADVERSE. HE

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HAS ASSURED PARKER AND ME THAT WE WILL BE GIVEN AMPLE WARNING AND ASSISTANCE IN REMOVING OUR PEOPLE FROM DANGER AREAS AND PRESUMABLY EXPECTS WE WOULD CONSULT HIM AT LEAST BEFORE TAKING DECISION.

5. WE TOLD BY MSU FACULTY MEMBERS NSUKKA THAT SITUATION THERE ALREADY VERY DIFFICULT FOR UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION TO CONTROL BECAUSE OF DEEP INSECURITY FELT BY 2,000 NIGERIAN FACULTY AND STUDENTS. DEPARTURE OF MORE THAN 150 EXPAT FACULTY INCLUDING

BRITISH AND OTHER NATIONALITIES) WILL CLOSE UNIVERSITY BEFORE JULY, CONVOCATION, AND MANY WILL NOT RETURN IF PULLED OUT.

6. CONSIDERATIONS PARA 6 OBVIOUSLY DO NOT RPT NOT WARRANT TAKING RISKS WITH LIVES OF CITIZENS, BUT PARKER AND I BOTH FEEL THAT UNLESS THERE VERY HIGH PROBABILITY REAL AND IMMINENT DANGER WE MUST TAKE ACCOUNT OF CERTAIN EFFECTS PRECIPITOUS MOVE WILL HAVE ON EASTERN ATTITUDES TOWARD US AND UK.

7. BEFORE ACTUALLY GIVING ORDER WITHDRAW FROM NSUKKA, STRONGLY URGE I BE ALLOWED DISCUSS SITUATION WITH AKPAN, AND POSSIBLY OJUKWU, TELLING THEM THAT MOVE BEING CONSIDERED BUT NOT YET DECIDED. IF MOVE STILL REGARDED AS NECESSARY IN LIGHT DEVELOPMENTS

NEXT 24 HOURS, BELIEVE THERE WILL BE ADEQUATE TIME TO SHIFT PEOPLE SAFELY.
BARNARD.
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1. CAMEROON AMBASSADOR DICKO TOLD POL COUNSELOR HE LEARNED YESTERDAY (JUNE 12) THAT OJUKWU HAD SENT SPECIAL EMISSARY TO GHANA. EMISSARY'S JOB IS TO REQUEST GENERAL ANKRAH TO MEDIATE NIGERIAN CRISIS. (EMISSARY WAS PROBABLY EASTERN CHIEF JUSTICE MBANEFO, WHO WAS IN ACCRA JUNE 12 ACCORDING ACCRA 3605).
2. DICKO WONDERED HOW OJUKWU EXPECTS REQUEST HAVE ANY CHANCE OF SUCCESS SINCE HIS DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. BECAUSE OF EASTERN UDI, DICKO BELIEVES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL NOT CONSIDER ANY MEDIATION EFFORTS BUT WILL TRY TO SUPPRESS REBEL REGIME.
3. DICKO BELIEVES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING FOR SHOWDOWN WITH EAST, WHICH LIKELY BEGIN WITHIN NEXT WEEK OR SO. HE THINKS THAT BECAUSE OF FMG MILITARY STRENGTH, ITS ABILITY ENCOURAGE NEW STATES IN SOUTH-EAST AND RIVERS AREAS AND UNDER-CURRENT OF OPPOSITION TO OJUKWU, THAT FMG IS IN RELATIVELY GOOD POSITION TO WIN SHOWDOWN.
4. DICKO ALSO COMMENTED THAT WHEN SERIOUS FIGHTING DEVELOPS HE EXPECTS MANY THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES WILL FLEE TO CAMEROON AND THAT THIS WILL BE SEVERE PROBLEM FOR HIS GOVERNMENT. HE SAID CONSIDERABLE NUMBERS OF IBOS HAVE ALREADY FLED TO CAMEROON.
- MATHEWS.

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1. AT MEETING THIS MORNING BETWEEN UK HICOM AND AMBASSADOR AND RESPECTIVE STAFFS, IT WAS AGREED THAT MILITARY ACTION BY FMG IS PROBABLY IMMINENT. CURRENT INFORMATION INDICATES POSSIBILITY ACTION BEFORE END OF THIS WEEK. ADDING WEIGHT TO THIS POSSIBILITY IS THE SAILING YESTERDAY OF NNS NIGERIA AND NNS LOKOJA BOTH NOW KNOWN TO BE PATROLLING APPROACHES TO BONNY RIVER. THIS SITUATION ACCENTUATES OUR ANXIETY FOR SAFETY OF OUR MEN AND REMAINING WOMEN IN NORTHERN TIER OF EAST, ESPECIALLY THOSE AT NSUKKA WHICH LIES CLOSE TO THE

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BORDER ON THE MAIN ALL-WEATHER APPROACH ROAD FROM THE NORTH. WE CONSIDERED MOST CAREFULLY WHETHER IT SAFER FOR THESE PEOPLE TO REMAIN IN SAFE HAVENS WITH HEADS DOWN OR TO MOVE TEMPORARILY AT LEAST FROM NSUKKA. IN THIS REGARD WE ALSO CONSIDERED POSSIBLE ADVERSE REACTIONS OF GOEN TO SUCH A MOVE. OUR CONCLUSION IS SUBJECT TO VIEWS OF PARKER AND BARNARD THAT WISEST COURSE IS TO MOVE THOSE AT NUSKKA TO ENUGU IMMEDIATELY UNTIL IT CAN BE DETERMINED HOW SITUATION DEVELOPS. IF PRESENT THREAT PASSES, EVACUEES COULD THEN RETURN TO THEIR POSTS.

2. WE SUGGEST IF PARKER AND BARNARD AGREE THAT THIS MOVE SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO ENI NJOKU AND GOEN (PROBABLY AKPAN) AS AN ELEMENTARY PRECAUTIONARY STEP TO GET OUR PEOPLE OUT OF THE WAY AND NOT TO BE A LIABILITY TO EASTERN FORCES. IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT INTENTION IS TO MOVE THEM BACK WHEN SITUATION CLARIFIES. WHILE ENUGU ITSELF NOT AN IDEAL SAFE HAVEN AS IT MAY BE INITIAL OBJECTIVE, IT HAS GOOD AIRFIELD AND MILITARY EVACUATION COULD BE MOUNTED THERE AS LAST RESORT. NSUKKA, HOWEVER, WOULD PRESENT GREAT DIFFICULTIES EVEN AS A MILITARY EVACUATION.

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3. IN VIEW OF OUR BELIEF FMG ACTION PROBABLY IMMINENT,
PARKER AND BARNARD ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED AS ABOVE IF
THEY AGREE.

4. MEETING FURTHER AGREED THAT ANY ADDITIONAL THINNING OUT
OF OUR NATIONALS WHICH CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED QUIETLY SHOULD BE
DONE, PARTICULARLY ANY REMAINING WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

5. IMMEDIATE REPLY REQUESTED.

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1. Rep Surrey law firm, registered agent for Biafra, has requested information regarding certain AID activities in Eastern Region.
2. We propose request be treated like any other from US citizen and unclassified public documents be made available. ~~This would include press releases, agreements and project reports.~~ No special reports would be prepared. No explanations or interpretations would be made except insofar as appears from public record itself.
3. Recognize misunderstandings could ensue if FMG thought USG collaborating with Biafra. However Embassy could state USG could not withhold what is available to public. Believe procedure outlined para 2 would keep entire matter in proper perspective.
4. Appreciate

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NIGERIA CRISIS: WEEKEND EVENTS

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1. FMG ANNOUNCED AUNE 10 NAMES TWO MORE CIVILIAN MEMBERS
FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WHICH HOLDING FIRST MEETING TODAY,
JUNE 12 (SEE LAGOS 9831). THEY ARE MALLAM YAHAYA GUSAU REPRESENTING
NORTH-WESTERN STATE, DR. A.E. ADETORO REPRESENTING CENTRA-WEST.

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2. MORNING POST JUNE 12 CARRIES EDITORIAL BLAMING OAU KWU

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FOR ATTEMPTED SABOTAGE MOBIL POL STORAGE TANKS AUNE 10
(REPORTED LAGOS 10092). INCIDENT DESCRIBED AS ONE LINK CHAIN
OF PLOTS TO "MASS-MURDER PEOPLE OF LAGOS". POST SAYS FIRST PLOT
TO POISON IJA WATERWORKS WITH CYNIDE LAST SUMMER. NEXT CAME
"AGU THE INFAMOUS" WHO "DROVE...FROM ENUGU TO LAGOS TO WAGE
A ONE-MAN WAR" WITH HOME-MADE TIMEBOMBS. BUT BLOW UP SELF AFTER
PLANTING ONLY ONE BOMB FEDERAL PLACE HOTEL (SEPTEMBER, 1966).
OAU KWU "AGENTS" ALSO HIJECKED LAGOS BOUND PLANE AT BENIN.
QUESTION NOW, SAYS POST, IS WHAT OAU KWU WANTS: "SALVAGING OF HIS
PERSECUTED BRETHREN
OR... ANNIHILATION OF LAGOS AND THOSE STATES OF FEDERATION
OVER WHICH HE CAN NO LONGER SPREAD HIS DOMINEERING TENTACLES?"
POST CONTINUES THAT ALL OF OAU KWU'S "PEOPLE" (IBOS) COULD
NOW BE CONSIDERED A SECURITY RISK WHO COULD AUSTIFIABLY BE

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SENT BACK EAST, AND ASKS FMG TIGHTEN SECURITY MEASURES LAGOS. SUGGESTS FIRST STEP FOOL-PROOF SELLING NIGER BRIDGE AT ASABA, SECOND REMOVING POL TANKS IN LAGOS TO LESS POPULATED SITE.

3. SECURITY MEASURE TIGHTENED IN ORTHER EVENTS OVER WEEKEND. LAGOS MILGOV MAJOR AOHNSON MADE CIVIL DEFENSE ADDRESS JUNE 10 TO CITIZENS LAGOS STATE, JOHNSON RECALLED DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY MAY 27 BY FMG, REVIEWED RESPONSIBILITIES ALL CITIZENS IN CRISIS, AND ANNOUNCED CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED AND HAS BEEN WORKING SWIFTLY THOUGH SILENTLY TO LAY A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR DEFENSE ACTIVITIES IN LAGOS." AOHNSON APPEALED TO CITIZENS TO COOPERATE, SAID THEY WOULD "BE APPROACHED BY THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE TO ATTEND LECTURES,

DEMONSTRATIONS, AND TO BE ASSIGNED SPECIFIC DUTIES... HOWEVER, "CIVILIANS WILL NOT GO TO THE FRONT TO FIGHT NOR WILL THEY BE EXPECTED TO CARRY GUNS OR FLY AIRPLANES."

4. PAPERS REPORTED SIMILAR CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE SET UP IN MID-WEST. CONSULATE KADUNA REPORTS ORGANIZATION CALLED CIVIL DEFENSE OF THE NORTHERN COUNCIL OF STATES HAS CIRCULATED POSTER THROUGHOUT NORTHERN STATES INSTRUCTING ALL STATES PREPARE OWN CIVIL DEFENSE PLANS IN COOPERATION WITH ARMY AND POLICE. POSTER GIVES INSTRUCTIONS RE LOCAL CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATION AND PERSONAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN EVENT OF AIR RAID. OTHER POSTERS CIRCULATED IN NORTH CARRY CAPTIONS "HELP US TO CRUSH THE REBELS," "HEROES OF YESTERYEAR THIS IS YOUR DAY" (ENCOURAGING RE-ENLISTMENT OF VETERANS), AND "DO NOT PANIC THE SOLDIERS WILL PROTECT YOU". ALL AREAS EXCEPT WESTERN STATE HAVE ANNOUNCED CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS,

5. DEVELOPMENTS IN EAST: "RADIO BIAFRA" REPORTED AUNE 10 THAT "LARGE NUMBER NORTHERN TROOPS TODAY CROSSED INTO BIAFRAN REPUBLIC AND ATTACKED BIAFRAN TOOPS AT OBU DU IN OGOAA, AFTER HEAVY FIGHTING, NORTHERN TOOPS FLED, ABANDONING HEAVY CASUALTIES AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT ." LAGOS RADIO MORNING JUNE 12 DECLARED THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO TRUTH TO THIS REPORT WHICH

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WAS CARRIED BY BBC AND VOA. FBIS ALSO REPORTED ON JUNE 10 ANNOUNCEMENT BY "RADIO BIAFRA" OF PROMOTIONS WITHIN THE "BIAFRAN" ARMY, WHICH DATT IS REPORTING.

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TO LAGOS, WE AWARE OF NO RPT. NO VESSEL WHICH HAS CALLED AT
ANY FORMER EASTERN NIGERIAN PORT TO LOAD OR DISCHARGE CARGO

SINCE BIAFRA SECESSION PROCLAIMED, DESPITE CONTINUED COMPLAINTS BY
ENUGU RADIO THAT PALM PRODUCTS BEING SUCCESSFULLY EXPORTED TO
WORLD MARKET, AND PRESS REPORTS (LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES) THAT
SHIPPING CONTINUES TO CALL AT PORT HARCOURT.

2. ELDER DEMPSTER (ED) FREIGHTER, PERANG, WHICH HAD BEEN TIED UP
PORT HARCOURT SINCE JUNE 4 FOR POSSIBLE EVACUATION UK CITIZENS,
ARRIVED LAGOS LATE JUNE 9 WITH HANDFUL ED DEPENDENTS. ED FREIGHT
REP. (PROTECT) SPECIFICALLY ASKED MASTER OF PERANG TO DESCRIBE
PORT HARCOURT PORT ACTIVITY DURING PERIOD VESSEL IN PORT. ASIDE
FROM PERANG, GERMAN FREIGHTER NATAL AND PALM LINES (UK) FREIGHTER
IBADAN PALM, ALL THREE OF WHICH IN PORT HARCOURT FOR POSSIBLE
EVACUATION PURPOSES, MASTER PERANG SAID NO OTHER VESSELS IN
PORT. THESE EVACUATION VESSELS HAD NO CARGO FOR DISCHARGE PORT
HARCOURT, AND OTHER THAN TAKING ON EVACUEES, LOADED NO CARGO.
NATAL ARRIVED LAGOS EARLIER JUNE 9; IBADAN PALM STILL STANDING
BY PORT HARCOURT. MASTER PERANG SAW NO EVIDENCE THAT PALM OIL
OR KERNELS WERE BEING PREPARED FOR SHIPMENT AT PORT HARCOURT. HE
UNABLE REPORT ON CALABAR, BUT NEITHER HE NOR LOCAL ED OFFICIALS
AWARE OF ANY ACTIVITY IN THAT PORT, WHICH ED AND PALM LINE CON-

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1. UK Embassy informed Department that HICOM ~~is~~ in requesting evacuation dependents from Eastern Region made point, if this completed, it would postpone date when British last resort military plan evacuation from East may be required. HICOM also commented that such military operation would be death blow to Biafra because FMG could be expected to capitalize on UK troop presence to take over East.

2. UK plan referred to presumably concerns/non-permissive military evacuation from East. Only US plan coordinated with UK military is tied to locally permissive landing US aircraft for general Nigerian evacuation.

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1. IN VIEW LARGE NUMBER OF UK CITIZENS IN NIGERIA, WELL AS
UK'S DEEP CONCERN RE NIGERIAN SITUATION IN GENERAL, EMBASSY
BELIEVES HMG WOULD BE WILLING TO ASSOCIATE INSELF WITH US
AND OTHER STATES IN INFORMAL APPROACH TO ICRC ALONG LINES
REFTEL. SUCH STEP, HOWEVER, WOULD BE DEPENDENT UPON APPROVAL
OF UK HICOM LAGOS.

2. SHOULD DEPT SUBSEQUENTLY DESIRE FOLLOW-UP APPROACH TO BRITISH,
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1. MEETING OF GOWON, ADEBAYO, EAOOR AND OTHER MILITARY LEADERS WHICH BEGAN JUNE 7 ENDED JUNE 8. FMG ANNOUNCEMENT SAYS ADEBAYO AND EAOOR WERE ACCOMPANIED BY A NUMBER OF SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE AREA COMMANDS.

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OTHERS WHO ATTENDED WERE COMMODORE WEY, MAJOR MOBOLAJI AOHNSON, MAJOR ESUENE (MIL GOV SOUTH-EASTERN STATE), LT DIETIE-SPIFF (MIL GOV RIVERS STATE), LTC AKAHAN (ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF) AND LT EKPO (MIL SECRETARY TO GOWON).

2. LAGOS NEWS MEDIA HAVE REPORTED THE DEPARTURE FROM EASTERN NIGERIA TO EUROPE OF PIUS OKIGBO, LOUIS MBANEFO AND CHRISTOPHER MOJEKWU. OKIGBO-S DESTINATION SAID TO BE PARIS, OTHER TWO REPORTEDLY GOING TO LONDON. NEW STORIES SAY THEY LEFT ENUGU THROUGH DOUALA BEFORE FMG AND CAMEROON GOVT AGREED SUSPEND FREE MOVEMENT OF THEIR NATIONALS BETWEEN THEIR RE-

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CARRIED STORY UNDER BANNER HEADLINE " MANY FLES EAST."

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3. LAGOS PRESS TODAY (JUNE 9) GIVES PROMINENCE TO STATEMENT
MADE IN YAOUNDE YESTERDAY BY NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR ALHAJI
BELLO MALABU. ONE HEADLINE READS " NIGERIA-S AIM-- TO CRUSH
REBELLION". IN LENGTHY STATEMENT MALABU RECOUNTED ACTIONS
OF OAUKWU WHICH MALABU SAYS HAVE CAUSED CURRENT STATE
OF AFFAIRS IN NIGERIA AND EXPLAINED WHY GOWON HAD TO DECLARE
STATE OF EMERGENCY. MALABU SAID OAUKWU HAS BETRAYED EASTERN
MINORITIES, NIGERIA DNA FRICA. HE EMPHASIZED THAT NIGERIAN
PROBLEM CAPABLE OF SOLUTION ONLY BY NIGERIANS AND REPEATED GOWON-S
STATEMENT THAT RECOGNITION IF " ILLEGAL REGIME OF
OAUKWU" WOULD BE REGARDED AN UNFRIENDLY ACT.

4. POLICE CRASH RECRUITMENT (LAGOS A-698) CONTINUES IN
LAGOS. INSPECTOR-GENERAL KAM SELEM HAS INSTRUCTED THAT
RECRUITMENT SHOULD INLCUDE " INDIGENES OF THREE OF THE TWELVE
NEW STATES IN THE FEDERATION-- LAGOS, SOUTH- ESTERN
AND RIVERS STATES."

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5. NIGERIAN COMMITTEE OF WEST AFRICAN EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL
ANNOUNCED JUNE 7 THAT EASTERN SECESSION HAS MADE IT BOTH
PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL TO CONTINUE
CONDUCT EXAMS IN EASTERN NIGERIA. IMMEDIATE STEPS TO
RESUME PGORAM OF EXAMS WILL BE TAKEN" AS SOON AS CONDITIONS
RETURN TO NORMAL."

6. DAILY TIMES HAS FRONT-PAGE REPORT AUNE 9 OF STATEMENT BY
PRESIDENT MOBUTU SAYING CONGO REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE
OAUKWU-S REBEL REGIME. MOBUTU REAFFIRMED HIS OFFER TO
GOWON EARLIER THIS YEAR TO HELP RESOLVE NIGERIAN PROBLE.

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1. ALTHOUGH MOST AMERICAN S IN EAST FELT NO INSECURITY, NEARLY ALL OF THEM ACCEPTED WITH GOOD GRACE AMBASSADOR'S ADVICE TO EVACUATE DEPENDENTS. BY END OF DAY JUNE 7 ALL DEPENDENTS OF USG EMPLOYEES, BOTH DIRECT HIRE AND AID CONTRACT EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING DEPENDENTS OF PC STAFF, HAD BEEN EVACUATED FROM EAST. (ONE OR TWO WIVES REMAIN WHO ARE THEMSELVES EMPLOYED BY USG OR UN). ALMOST ALL NON-GOVERNMENT AMERICAN DEPENDENTS HAD ALSO BEEN EVACUATED. HERE AND THERE A FEW REFUSED TO LEAVE BUT NUMBER EXTREMELY SMALL. TOTAL NUMBER AMERICAN CITIZENS EVACUATED THROUGH JUNE 7 IS 682. TOTAL NUMBER CITIZENS OF ALL COUNTRIES EVACUATED THROUGH SECOND FLIGHT JUNE 7, WHEN BURDEN OF OPERATION TURNED OVER TO BRITISH, IS 1118.

2. WARDEN SYSTEM AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK WITHIN EAST WORKED WELL. KEY TO QUICK COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN EAST WAS AID NETWORK. EXPERIENCE OF LAST FEW DAYS SUGGESTS DESIRABILITY EXPLORING EXTENSION OF NET I AREA NOT NOW COVERED. LUTHERA GAND BAPTIST MISSION NETWORKS EXTREMELY VALUABLE IN DISSEMINATING INFORMATION.

3. ALL ELEMENTS OF COUNTRY TEAM COOPERATED FULLY IN ORGANIZING EVACUATION IN ENUGU, PORT HARCOURT AND LAGOS, WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK IN EACH PLACE. AMERICAN MISSIONS AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY, WITH MOB F OIL TAKING LEAD, GAVE INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE. EXEMPT. MATHEWS
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3. FOLLOWING COUNTRIES HAVE DENIED RECOGNITION OF BIAFRA:
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TOGO, GAMBIA.

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4. ALL DENIALS PUBLIC EXCEPT ZAMBIA AND CAMEROON, WHICH REPORTED BY CAS. WORDING OF STATEMENTS VARIES GREATLY, BUT ALL DISAPPROVE OF SECESSION OR USE WORDS SUCH AS RECOGNITION, INTEGRITY OF NIGERIA, SUPPORT OF FEDERAL GOVT., ETC., EXCEPT AUSTRALIA, WHICH SAID ONLY "AS USUAL WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THE DOMESTIC PROBLEMS OF NIGERIA."
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DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION CALLED TO FOLLOWING SUMMARY LAGOS RADIO
ITEMS JUNE 7 MONITORED BY FBIS REGARDING PETROLEUM RESOURCES
AND REFINERY IN FORMER EASTERN NIGERIA:

1. LAST YEAR FORMER EASTERN NIGERIA RECEIVED ABOUT SEVEN MILLION

POUNDS FROM OIL REVENUE, MOST OF WHICH WILL HENCEFORTH GO TO THE
NEWLY CREATED RIVERS STATE GOVERNMENT. IS THIS NOT MAIN REASON
WHY OJUKWU HAS TAKEN RIVERS PEOPLE OUT OF FEDERATION? RIVERS STATE
GOVT CONTROLLED BY RIVERS PEOPLE CAN BETTER USE THIS REVENUE FOR
BENEFIT PEOPLE IN THAT STATE.

2. IN CONTEXT WORLD PETROLEUM NEEDS, NIGERIAN PRODUCTION STILL
RELATIVELY SMALL. HOWEVER, IN VIEW MIDEAST CRISIS, NIGERIAN OIL
OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE TO SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES. UK COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY BOWDEN HAS STATED NO UK REGISTERED COMPANY CAN DEAL WITH
REBEL REGIME. OIL COMPANIES MUST THEREFORE CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH
FMG, THE ONLY INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED GOVERNMENT IN NIGERIA.

3. ENUGU RADIO HAS SUGGESTED THAT OJUKWU MIGHT HALT REFINERY
PRODUCT SHIPMENTS TO REMAINDER FEDERATION. THIS WOULD CAUSE
REFINERY TO SHUT DOWN, CAUSING UNEMPLOYMENT, SINCE FORMER EASTERN
NIGERIA CONSUMES ONLY 15 PERCENT REFINERY PRODUCTION.

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4. REFINERY IS JOINTLY OWNED BY FEDERAL GOVT, FOUR (SIC) FORMER

REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND OIL COMPANY. AS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL INVESTORS ENUGU GOVT THEREFORE HAS NO MORAL RIGHT OVER REFINERY AND WITH CREATION OF NEW STATES, SHARES OF FORMER EASTERN GOVT NOW REVERT IN LAW TO RIVERS STATE GOVT.

5. IF OJUKWU REGIME INTERFERES WITH POL SUPPLY FROM REFINERY TO OTHER PARTS FEDERATION, REMAINDER OF NATION CAN EASILY IMPORT POL FROM WORLD MARKET.

6. WHAT TYPE OF POLITICAL REGIME IS LIKELY TO GUARANTEE SAFETY OF MASSIVE OIL INDUSTRY INVESTMENT IN THE RIVERS AREA? WILL IT BE A STABLE NIGERIAN FEDERATION IN WHICH RIVERS PEOPLE MANAGING THEIR OWN AFFAIRS, OR A POLICE STATE IMPOSING THE WILL OF SEVEN MILLION IBOS ON WISHES OF FIVE MILLION RIVERS PEOPLE?
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NEW NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR MOHAMMADU BAYERO PRESENTED
CREDENTIALS JUNE 8. PRESIDENT MOBUTU SAID ACCEPTANCE
CREDENTIALS REFLECTS "NON-RECOGNITION OF THE FRACTION OF
YOUR COUNTRY WHICH CALLS ITSELF REPUBLIC OF BIAFRA."
MOBUTU SAID HIS PREVIOUS OFFER PROVIDE GOOD OFFICES TO HELP
SETTLE NIGERIAN PROBLEM STILL STANDS AND THAT IT STILL
NOT TOO LATE TO DO SOMETHING. MOBUTU SAID BIAFRA NOT COM-
PARABLE TO KATANGA SECESSION BECAUSE LATTER ORGANIZED BY
FOREIGN FINANCIAL POWERS WHEREAS BIAFRA IS A VALID
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1. CAMEROON EMBASSY OFFICER YESTERDAY SAID THEIR
AMBASSADOR DICKO RETURNED YAOUNDE JUNE 3 FOR CONSULTA-
TIONS WITH PRESIDENT AHIDJO ABOUT NIGERIAN CRISIS.
FROM ANOTHER RELIABLE SOURCE EMB LEARNED DICKO WAS
INFORMED THAT LT. COL. KATSINA AND MAJOR MUSA USMAN,
NEWLY APPOINTED MILITARY GOVERNOR OF NORTH-CENTRAL
STATE, PLAN TO BE IN GAROUA, NORTHERN CAMEROON, JUNE 7.
EMBASSY SURMISES THAT KATSINA AND USMAN WILL MEET TOP
CAMEROON OFFICIALS, POSSIBLY INCLUDING AHIDJO BECAUSE

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PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED MEETING WITH AHIDJO WAS NOT HELD.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO YAOUNDE OR KADUNA CAN OBTAIN
ON JUNE 7 MEETING IN GAROUA.

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1. You are authorized to reply as follows from the President to Gowon's message:

QTE I have read with deep concern your message of May 30 regarding the grave problems now besetting Nigeria. While fully recognizing the seriousness of the situation which confronts your country, my Government and the American people fervently continue to hope that these problems may be resolved by peaceful means. UNQTE

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1. HEAD FMG, MAJOR GENERAL GOWON, SAID YESTERDAY
 "WE ARE AT THE THRESHOLD OF A NEW NIGERIA; WE HAVE

NO W PLACED OUR HANDS ON THE PLOW FROM WHICH THERE
 WILL BE NO TURNING BACK." MORNING POST JUNE 6 REPORTS
 STATEMENT CONTAINED IN GOODWILL MESSAGE GOWON SENT
 TO SHEHN OF BORNU, USMAN IBN KANEMI, AT CELEBRATION
 KANEMI'S FIFTY YEARS ON THRONE. MESSAGE READ BY
 MAJOR MUSA USMAN, NEW MIL GOV NORTH-EASTERN STATE.
 ANEMI REPLY, READ BY WAZIRI OF BORNU, CALLED ON EMIRS
 AND CHIEFS OF NORTHERN STATES TO "ACCEPT CHANGES AS THEY
 COME" AND OFFER PRAYERS FOR RETURN ORDER, PEACE, AND
 NORMALCY IN NIGERIA. ALSO PRESENT WERE SULTAN OF
 SOLOTO, SIR ABUBAKAR, CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
 COUNCIL FOR THE NORTHERN STATES, LT. COL. HASSAN
 KATSINA; SIR KASHIM IBRAHIM; AND HEAD OF CIVIL SERVICE,
 ALI AKILU. EMBASSY COMMENT: GOWON'S STATEMENT REFLECTS
 HIS NEW DETERMINATION TO CARRY OUT ANNOUNCED PROGRAM,
 WHICH HAS PUT FMG IN STRONGER POSITION OF NATIONAL
 LEADERSHIP THAN IT HAS HAD FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

2. POST AND TIMES JUNE 6 REPORT NIGERIAN TRADE UNION
 CONGRESS (NTUC) YESTERDAY WARNED ALL WORKERS IN EASTERN

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USIA 1. ICRC WITH LEAGUE COOPERATION ALREADY TAKING STEPS TO PREPARE
NSC FOR NIGERIA CRISIS. LEAGUE HAS HAD SPECIAL DELEGATE (COL. KALLENIOUS
INR OF SWEDISH RED CROSS) IN NIGERIA FOR SOME TIME,, TO BUILD UP
CHA NIGERIAN RED CROSS AND ESTABLISH DEPOTS OF AID SUPPLIES. KALLENIOUS
NSA REPORTED TO HAVE EXCELLENT CONTACTS AND BE ON GOOD TERMS WITH
DCD ALL ELEMENTS IN NIGERIA, HAS BEEN ABLE TO TRAVEL WIDELY, AND
ATD HOPES TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO DO SO. HE RETURNED TO NIGERIA

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(RSR) FOUR DAYS AGO AFTER SHORT TRIP TO EUROPE TO ARRANGE FOR MORE
MATERIAL AIDS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

2. ICRC DELEGATE GEROGE HOFFMAN GOING NIGERIA IN TWO DAYS, AND
WILL TRAVEL WITH KALLENIOUS TO MAKE CONTACT WITH BOTH SIDES.
KALLENIOUS BELIEVES ALL ELEMENTS WILL ACCEPT RED CROSS.

3. ICRC/LEAGUE FULLY AWARE OF IMPORTANCE OF PROBLEM AND ROLE
THEY SHOULD PLAY, AND AWARE OF POINTS IN PARA TWO REF A. PROBLEM
WOULD COME IF LAGOS AUTHORITIES PREVENT ICRC FROM CONTACT WITH
OTHER SIDE.

4. FOR PRESENT AT LEAST WOULD NOT SEEM TO BE NECESSARY TO MAKE
APPROACH SUGGESTED PARA THREE REF A SINCE ICRC WITH LEAGUE
COOPERATION ALREADY IN PROCESS OF TAKING STEPS TO PLAY APPROPRIATE
ROLE. IF ICRC ENCOUNTERS DIFFICULTIES IN DEALING WITH ONE OR
OTHER SIDE IN NIGERIA THAT WOULD SEEM TO BE APPROPRIATE TIME
FOR US/UK INTERVENTION.

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Assessment of Nigerian Crisis

1. While we agree FMG has improved its position in past two weeks for reasons questions crushing cited reftel, Dept/XXXXXX its chances of ultimate success in XXXXX Eastern secession and thereby maintaining Nigerian unity. Regardless of military outcome, through invasion or guerrilla actions, we think such course could result in eventual disintegration of rest of country with West perhaps leading the way.
2. Dept (which INR reflects in current Intelligence Note) which INR agrees that much depends on Awolowo and Yorubas. Awo's present alliance with Gowon may be shortlived, however. While Awo may see himself as potential main political figure in rump federation, his prime motivation probably is to be in best possible position to protect Yoruba interests. We believe Gowon seriously mistaken if he

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considers West and Awo firmly in ~~E~~ FMG camp. Most probably this connotes no more than acquiescence in any FMG military actions against East.

3. If Ojukwu eliminated or isolated, which we inclined doubt, we have reservations that other Eastern political leaders QTE would be tempted to do business with FMG UNQTE (para 6 reftel). Given fact of secession and depth present emotions in Ibo East we think Ibo civilian political leaders of any stature willing negotiate with FMG would be hard to find.

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SCA 1. POSITION OF FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT (FMG),
SGS WHICH SHOWED EVERY SIGN OF FALLING APART TWO WEEKS
O AGO, HAS IMPROVED MARKEDLY. IT THEN APPEARED THAT
SY WE TERN REGION LEADERS, INCLUDING CHIEF AWOLowo AND
PER MILITARY GOVERNOR COLGM ADEBAYO, HAD DECIDED TO ESTABLISH
OPR SEPARATE YORUBA NATION IN WESTERN REGION AND LAGOS
OC IF EASTERN REGION BECAME INDEPENDENT. AT THAT TIME
FEDERAL ARMY APPEARED VERY WEEK, DIVIDED AND WITHOUT

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EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP AT MANY LEVELS.

2. SITUATION HAS CHANGED REMARKABLY BECAUSE GOWON,
HEAD OF FMG FINALLY TOOK BASIC DECISION WHICH HAVE
CONSIDERABLY STRENGTHENED FMG'S POLITICAL POSITION
THROUGHOUT NATION AND ITS PRACTICAL LEADERSHIP OF
ARMED FORCES AND CIVIL SERVICES. THESE DECISIONS,
WHICH WERE IN RESPONSE TO DRAMATIC FACT OF EASTERN
SECESSION, LED TO FMG MAKING SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL
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- A. DECLARATION STATE OF EMERGENCY WITH PURPOSE OF CRUSHING EASTERN REBELLION.
- B. CREATION 12 NEW STATES TO REPLACE FOUR REGIONS.
- C. NAMING OF MILITARY GOVERNORS FOR NEW STATES: GIVING THEM PUBLICITY AND AUTHORITY TO SET UP GOVERNMENTS IN THEIR STATES.
- D. PROMOTION OF GOWON TO MAJOR-GENERAL AND OF EJOOR AND ADEBAYO TO BRIGADIERS. THIS OPENS DOOR FOR MORE PROMOTIONS IN ARMED SERVICES WHICH WILL PLEASE MANY OFFICERS.
- E. APPOINTMENT FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF PROMINENT

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CIVILIANS, WITH ONE FROM EACH STATE. NINE MEN APPOINTED SO FAR ARE WELL-KNOWN AND GENERALLY RESPECTED IN AREAS THEY COME FROM. NAMING AWOLOW AND ENAHORO TO COUNCIL HELPED GAIN SUPPORT OF WEST AND MIDWEST FOR FMG. EXPECTATION IS THAT AWOLOW WILL BE CHAIRMAN OR ACTING HEAD OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WHICH LIKELY TO OPERATE AS CABINET FOR CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT WHILE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL (SMC) CARRIES ON CAMPAIGN TO SUBDUCE REBELS IN EASTERN REGION.

F. FEDERAL CIVIL SERVANTS HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY DECISIVE LEADERSHIP DEMONSTRATED BY GOWON IN LAST WEEK AND NOW HAVE HOPES FOR RE-INVIGORATING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SOME TOP CIVIL SERVANTS ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT EASTERN REGION CAN BE SUBDUED WITHIN FEW WEEKS.

4. FMG HAS ALSO SHOWN THAT IT MEANS BUSINESS ON MILITARY FRONT BY GENERAL MOBILIZATION OF ARMED FORCES, CALLING UP RESERVISTS AND RETIRED MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES, MOVING MORE UNITS OF ARMY INTO AREA SOUTH OF BENUE IN POSITION TO ATTACK EAST, BLOCKADING EASTERN REGION, AND SENDING SOME NAVY SHIPS TO SEA TO ENFORCE BLOCKADE,

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AND BREAKING OFF ALL CONNECTIONS WITH EAST. FMG ARMY CAN PROBABLY BE INCREASED BY AT LEAST THREE THOUSAND AND PERHAPS FIVE THOUSAND MEN IN FAIRLY SHORT TIME. IT HAS ALSO OBTAINED ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOR THESE ADDITIONAL FORCES.

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5. INTERNATIONAL POSITION OF FMG HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED IN THAT NO RPT NO COUNTRY HAS YET RECOGNIZED REPUBLIC OF BIAFRA. THIS PARTLY DUE TO PROPAGANDA MISTAKE BY EASTERN NIGERIA RADIO WHICH ANNOUNCED DURING FIRST DAY AFTER UDI THAT BIAFRA HAD BEEN RECOGNIZED BY SEVERAL COUNTRIES. SINCE THIS OBVIOUSLY FALSE, ABOUT DOZEN COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY ISSUED DENIALS. PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM GOWON TO ALL HEADS OF STATE AND TO SECRETARIES GENERAL OF UN AND OAU HAVE WARNED ALL COUNTRIES THAT RECOGNITION OF BIAFRA WOULD BE CONSIDERED AN UNFRIENDLY ACT BY FMG. THIS SHOULD PREVENT RECOGNITION FOR SUFFICIENT TIME FOR FMG TO ORGANIZE ITSELF FOR STRONGER (OR MILITARY) MEASURES AGAINST EASTERN REBELS.

6. DUE TO ACTIONS OUTLINED ABOVE, FMG HAS GAINED CONTROL OF RUMP FEDERATION WITH SUPPORT OF PROMINENT CIVILIAN LEADERS. MOREOVER, MEMBERS OF FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ARE CHIEFLY MEN WHO IN PAST HAVE WORKED WCBR EASTERN POLITICAL LEADERS BEFORE COUP OF JANUARY 1966. THEREFORE, IF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL GIVEN REAL AUTHORITY AND HAS SOME SUCCESS, AND IF OJUKWU COULD BE ELIMINATED OR ISOLATED, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME EASTERN POLITICAL LEADERS WOULD BE TEMPTED TO DO BUSINESS WITH FMG. CONSEQUENTLY, IT APPEARS THAT FMG STRATEGY IS TO STEADILY TO INCREASE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY PRESSURES ON EAST, ENCOURAGE INCREASED OPPOSITION TO OJUKWU IN NEW STATES IN EASTERN REGION, AND PROGRESSIVELY DECREASE STRENGTH AND SUPPORT OF OJUKWU. FMG WOULD THEN BE IN POSITION TO NEGOTIATE FROM POSITION OF RELATIVE STRENGTH WITH IBO CIVILIAN POLITICAL LEADERS.

7. ADMITTEDLY, FOREGOING IS VERY OPTIMISTIC PICTURE FOR FMG PROSPECTS. NEVERTHELESS, FMG DOES HOLD NUMBER OF VALUABLE CARDS AT THIS TIME. QUESTION IS WHETHER FMG WILL BE ABLE TO PLAY CARDS EFFECTIVELY. MUCH STILL DEPENDS ON WHETHER YORUBAS WILL IN FACT HELP OR HINDER FMG. BUT FMG HAS SEIZED THE INITIATIVE AND ITS PROSPECTS

FOR SUCCESS ARE CONSIDERABLY BETTER NOW THAN THEY HAVE BEEN FOR SOME TIME.

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ENR FIRST NORTHERN REACTIONS TO EASTERN SECESSION
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1. IMPRESSION OF KADUNA IN FIRST DAY OF SECESSION AND MOBILIZATION IS QUIET MOOD, PEOPLE GOING ABOUT NORMAL BUSINESS. CONSULATE LOCAL EMPLOYEES REPORT AIR OF HAPPINESS (POSSIBLY PRIMARILY RELIEF THAT OJUKWU HAD AT LEAST REVEALED HIS INTENTIONS).
2. FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS CONSULATE HAS DETECTED A PULLING BACK OF NIGERIANS FROM CONTACT WITH EXPATRIATES AND UNWILLINGNESS DISCUSS POLIL PROBLEMS.
3. NIGERIAN AIR FORCE BASE ON TEST ALERT, BLACK-OUT AFTER 2200 AND ADDITIONAL GUARDS POSTED. HOWEVER NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR PREPAREDNESS SEEN AT KADUNA AIRPORT LATE LAST NIGHT. NO UNUSUAL ARMY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.
4. GREAT NERVOUSNESS HIGH AND LOW ABOUT REPORTS EAST POSSESSES JET PLANES AND APPARENTLY SOME MINISTRIES CIRCULARIZED WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED IN CASE

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OF ATTACK.

5. DESPITE STORIES OF GREAT RESPONSE BY VETERANS TO MOBILIZATION ORDER, LITTLE EVIDENCE OF THIS SEEN AT MILITARY POSTS IN KADUNA. ENTHUSIASM FOR ENLISTMENT WAS HEARD FROM ONE TRIBALISTIC HAUSA AND FROM FORMER NPC REGIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY DANTSOHO WHO HAS URGED HIS BROTHER TO RE-ENLIST, SAYS HE ALSO WILL SIGN UP.

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NSC 1. INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF RED CROSS (ICRC) HAS
INR BEEN OPERATING IN NIGERIA FOR SOME TIME. RED CROSS
CIA "CHIEF DELEGATE/ IN NIGERIA IS GUNNAR KAELENIUS, A
NSA SWEDISH CITIZEN WHO ALSO REPRESENTS THE LEAGUE AND
DOD NORDIC RED CROSS SOCIETIES. IN TALK WITH POL COUNSELOR
AID JUNE 5 KAELENIUS PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

2. HE RETURNED JUNE 2 FROM GENEVA WHERE HE HAD DISCUSSED
PC NIGERIA PROBLEMS WITH ICRC AND LEAGUE OF RED CROSS

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SOCIETIES. THE ICRC EXPERT ON AFRICA, DR. HOFFMAN,
IS EXPECTED ARRIVE LAGOS JUNE 6. KAELENIUS AND HOFFMAN
PLAN GO TO ENUGU ASAP IN ORDER OBTAIN COOPERATION EASTERN
NIGERIA AUTHORITIES FOR RED CROSS ACTIVITIES IN THAT REGION.
KAELENIUS HAS ALREADY OBTAINED FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT
(FMG) APPROVAL FOR RED CROSS OPERATION THROUGHOUT NIGERIA.
PRESIDENT OF NIGERIAN RED CROSS CHIEF JUSTICE ADEMOLA
IS PROVIDING KAELENIUS WITH FORMAL APPROVAL AND TRAVEL
DOCUMENTS.

3. KAELENIUS SAID HE HOPES GET EASTERN GOVERNMENT COOPERA-
TION FOR WORKING IN THAT AREA THROUGH THEIR HEADQUARTERS
IN LAGOS ALTHOUGH THEIR HEADQUARTERS
IN LAGOS ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICA-
TIONS PROBLEMS. IF EASTERN GOVERNMENT IS NOT WILLING FOR
RED CROSS TO WORK THROUGH LAGOS THEN ICRC WILL TRY TO ARRANGE
FOR IT TO BE DONE OUT OF GENEVA THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS.

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ICRC OBVIOUSLY FEELS ITSLEF COMMITTED TO WORK ON BOTH SIDES OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT AND THEREFORE IS PREPARING TO WORK IN ALL PARTS OF NIGERIA.

R. HOFFMAN AND KAELENIUS HAVE TOURED NIGERIA DURING PREVIOUS CRISES IN 1966 AND BOTH OF THEM HAVE MILITARY GOVERNORS

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OF FORMER FOUR REGIONS. THEREFORE KAELENIUS FEELS THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED SATISFACTORY WORKING RELATIONSHIP.

5. RED CROSS HAS ESTABLISHED "RELIEF STORES/ WHICH ARE SUPPLIES OF EMERGENCY RELIEF AND FIRST AID QUIPMENT IN LAGOS, IBADAN, KADUNA, BENIN, ENUGU, AND PORT HARCOURT. SUPPLIES IN EACH PLACE TOTAL FROM SIX TO TEN TONS EXCEPT IN PORT HARCOURT WHERE THEY HAVE ONLY THREE TONS OF SUPPLIES. KAELENIUS HAS PLANS TO ESTABLISH TEN OTHER "RELIEF STORES" AND IS TRINING RELIEF UNTIL PERSONNEL WHO ARE ALL NIGERIAN IN ALL OF THESE PLACES. THOSE IN LAGOS AND ENUGU ARE ORGANIZAED AND READY TO GO INTO ACTION NOW. OTHERS SHOULD BE READY TO OPERATE SOON.

6. IN ADDITION, RED CROSS HAS ORGANIZED FIRST AID VOLUNTEER DETACHMENTS IN 60 PLACES. THESE VOLUNTEERS ARE NIGERIANS WITH CERTIFICATES FOR FIRST AID. DURING CRISIS OF SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1966 MANY OF THESE PERFORMED QUITE WELL BUT OTHERS WERE INHIBITED DUE TO LOCAL CONDITIONS AND TRIBAL ANIMOSITIES. HE FEELS THAT A GOOD NUMBER OF THEM COULD BE EXPECTED PERFORM FAIRLY WELL IN FUTURE BUT THEIR EFFECTIVENESS WOULD DEPEND ON LOCAL CONDITIONS. KAELENIUS SAID THEIR GREATES

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CURRENT PROBLEM IS LACK OF ADEQUATE TRANSPORTATION. HE HAD ORDERED LANDROVERS, FOUR OF WHICH WILL ARRIVE IN JUNE TWO IN JULY. HE DOES NOT HAVE FUNDS WITH WHICH TO BUY VEHICLES IN NIGERIA. PRESUMABLY HE AND HOFFMAN WILL SURVEY THEIR POTENTIAL REQUIREMENTS IN NIGERIA AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

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SUBJECT: U. K. DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER TALKS WITH
NORTHERN OFFICIALS

1. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS OF DHC LAIRD'S TALKS WITH
LT. COLONEL KATSINA (MAY 29) AND ALI AKILU, SECRETARY
MILGOVT (MAY 30), ALREADY REPORTED TO UKHC LAGOS.
2. LAIRD SURPRISED AT THE DEGREE OF CONCERN OF BOTH
MEN ABOUT POSSIBLE AIR ATTACK FROM THE EAST AND PRE-
OCCUPATION WITH DEFENSELESSNESS OF CITIES. LAIRD WAS
ASKED FOR U. K. AIR DEFENSE ASSISTANCE. LAIRD INFORMED
US SAME REQUEST MADE U. S., IN LAGOS. LAIRD ATTEMPTED
TO CALM FEARS BY POINTING OUT SCATTERED AIR ATTACKS BY
EAST WOULD NOT ENHANCE EAST'S INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION
EVEN IF THEY HAVE THE CAPABILITY (WHICH IS UNPROVEN AS
FAR AS WE INFORMED).
E. KATSINA SAID YESTERDAY HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER
MILITARY ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN BY FMG BUT IMPRESSED

LAIRD AS A MAN NOT FAVORING AN ATTACK ON THE EAST.
THIS MORNING AKILU SAID THAT FMG DEFINITELY WOULD ACT
MILITARILY BUT SAID FINAL DECISIONS UP TO GOWON.
R. AKILU SAID SOME NORTHERNERS HAD MOVED OUT OF LAGOS
TO THE NORTH WHEN WITHDRAWAL OF NORTHERN TROOPS FROM
WEST ANNOUNCED. THEY NOW BEING PERSUADED TO RETURN TO
LAGOS.

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5. AKILU DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF EVACUATION OF
BRITISH SUBJECTS SOURH OF THE BENUE. SAID IF MILITARY
OPERATIONS LIKELY THAT AREA, BRITISH MEMBERS NORTHERN
CIVIL SERVICE AND PRESUMABLY GVSOS WOULD BE MOVED OUT,
TO BE REPLACED WITH NIGERIANS. AKILU MADE SIMILAR
PROMISE TO HIGH COMMISSIONER OF GONN COOPERATION AND
ADVANCE WARNING THAT HE GIVE TO STOKES SUBSEQUENTLY.
6. STOKES AND LAIRD WILL TALK FURTHER TONIGHT ABOUT
BENUE SITUATION.
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1. WHEN I EARLIER AGREED WITH DEPARTMENT'S VIEW THAT REPLY FROM PRESIDENT TO GOWN'S MESSAGE NOT NECESSARY, I WAS NOT AWARE UKPM PLANNING REPLY. UKHICOM HAS TOLD ME, HOWEVER, THAT HE WILL DELIVER FOLLOWING REPLY FROM WILSON JUNE 5: QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE, I DEEPLY SYMPATHISE WITH YOU IN THE VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION YOU NOW FACE IN NIGERIA. I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT EVEN AT THIS LATE STAGE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS PEACEFULLY. UNQTE.

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 WBM IN VIEW (A) OUR DESIRE IN STEP WITH UK RE NIGERIA, (B) EARLIER FALSE REPORTS WE HAD RECOGNIZED BIAFRA AND (C) CONTINUING APPREHENSION IN FMG CIRCLES THAT U.S. FAVORS OJUKWU, I NOW BELIEVE REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.

3. I VENTURE SUGGEST MESSAGE, ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: I HAVE READ YOUR MESSAGE WITH DEEP CONCERN FOR THE GRAVE PROBLEMS NOW BESETTING NIGERIA. MY GOVERNMENT AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE STILL HOPE THAT YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF NIGERIA WILL FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. MATHEWS

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1. AT MEETING JUNE 3 LONGE PERMSEC MIN MINES AND POWER,
ANNOUNCED TO OIL COMPANIES TERMS ON WHICH TANKERS WOULD BE
ALLOWED PROCEED BONNY TO LOAD CRUDE AND TO OKRIKA REFINERY
(NEAR PORT HARCOURT) TO LOAD REFINED PRODUCT. ALL TANKERS

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WILL FIRST BE REQUIRED ANCHOR OFF ENTRANCE LAGOS HARBOR
FOR SEARCH BY NIGERIAN NAVY FOR ARMS OR OTHER CONTRABAND.
TANKER CLEARANCE WILL THEN BE GIVEN BY LT. COMDR. A.E.
JOE, NN, WHO WILL BE LOCATED AT NIGERIAN NAVY HQ., APPA
AND SPECIFICALLY CHARGED WITH CLEARING TANKERS AND COMMUNICATING
WITH NN SHIPS ON PATROL IN PROHIBITED ZONE OFF EASTERN COAST.
FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION TO BLOCKADE PATROL, TANKERS WILL
BE ALLOWED THROUGH PROHIBITED ZONE FOR LOADING AT EITHER
BONNY OR OKRIKA AND ONWARD SHIPMENT.

2. ONCE SIAD OJUKWU NOT COLLECTING EXCISE DUTY ON REFINED
PRODUCT SHIPMENTS ON GROUNDS THEY ALL BEING EXPORTED TO
NIGERIA. ALTHOUGH THIS APPEARED INDICATE LAGOS COULD CONTINUE
BE SUPPLIED FROM OKRIKA REFINERY AND EXCISE TAX PAID FYG,
MOBIL MGR. SAID OIL MARKETING COMPANIES WOULD STILL HAVE
PROBLEM OF PAYING REFINERY FOR COST OF REFINED PRODUCT,

SINCE EXCHANGE CONTROLS COULD PREVENT PAYMENTS TO EAST.
THEREFORE, AS OF JUNE 5, MARKETING COMPANIES RESUMING PRE-

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1966 PATTERN OF IMPORTING PRODUCT FROM EUROPE OR ARRIBA IN ORDER AVOID DANGER BEING CUT OFF FROM OKRIKA SOURCE. EXCEPT FOR ONE NIGERIAN, ALL PILOTS REPORTEDLY HAVE LEFT BONNY-OKRIKA-PORT HARCOURT SERVICE AND CAME TO LAGOS WHICH CREATES ADDITIONAL DIFFICULTY FOR PRODUCT TANKERS IN GETTING UP BONNY RIVER TO OKRIKA REFINERY.

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1. Dept considering ways in which other nations and/or international organizations might reduce potential violence in Nigerian crisis. UNHCR presently appears unable play any role. International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) is one organization that might be helpful in various ways.

2. There is good basis for special ICRC role in event internal conflict in Nigeria. Nigeria is party to Geneva Conventions for Protection of War Victims of 1949. Article 3 of all Conventions applies to armed conflicts QTE not of international character UNQTE and establishes minimal standards of humane treatment. Article 3 must be applied by both parties to an internal conflict and such application does not affect legal status of those parties. As a party to Conventions, Nigeria, under Article 3, has expressly authorized the ICRC to offer its

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services to parties to conflict.

3. Suggestion has been advanced that there be informal approach to ICRC Geneva to determine what plans if any are being made respecting possible conflict in Nigeria and to encourage ICRC to consider appropriate offer of services to both sides. Useful first steps might of course include consultation local Red Cross Societies or sending rep to consult on spot. Mission might also indicate our hope ICRC could be helpful assuring safety all persons protected under Article 3, whether Nigerian or non-Nigerian.

4. FOR LAGOS: Request Embassy comments without reference to Nigerians or UK on possibilities of useful role for ICRC in event of conflict and probable Nigerian reaction to approach outlined para 3 above. Also appreciate any information Embassy may ~~have~~ have concerning ICRC presence or relationships in any part of Nigeria, particularly with military in light Nigerian responsibilities under Geneva Conventions.

5. FOR LONDON: Request Embassy comment without soundings of UK officials if it thinks HMG would be interested in taking initiative or in associating with US and other states in type of approach ~~outlined~~ outlined para 3.

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1. FOLLOWING IS BRITISH HICOM SITREP SENT TO CO JUNE 3. QUOTE

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2.) DURING THE PAST 48 HOURS THE POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE AND
INTERNAL DISORDER HAS SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED.

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3. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISIVE MOVE BY EITHER SIDE SINCE
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S INITIAL ORDERING ON 30 MAY OF ECONOMIC
MEASURES AGAINST THE BREAK-AWAY EASTERN REGION (BIAFRA), THERE IS
CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE, INCLUDING STATEMENTS BY GOWON, THAT THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAY LAUNCH MILITARY ACTION OF SOME KIND AGAINST

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THE EAST BY THE NORTHERN REGION. THIS MAY BE ANY TIME FROM "
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4. THE MOMENT THE MID-WESTERN AND WESTERN GOVERNMENTS APPEAR
TO HAVE ACCEPTED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC MEASURES
AGAINST THE EAST. THE POSSIBILITY OF TROUBLE AMONG THE (WESTERN)
YORUBAS IF THE EAST IS ATTACKED MAY BE A SLIGHT RESTRAINING
INFLUENCE ON SUCH ACTION. GOWON HIMSELF, HOWEVER, IS PROBABLY TOO
FAR COMMITTED NOW TO HOLD BACK THE NORTHERN SOLDIERS FROM ACTION
OF SOME KIND.

MILITARY SITUATION

5. TROOPS ON THE NORTHERN BORDER WITH THE EAST HAVE BEEN REINFORCED
AND NOW TOTAL TWO BATTALIONS AND A RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON. THE
NEW ARRIVALS ARE TAKING UP FORWARD POSITIONS ON THE BORDER AND RE-

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PLACING POLICE WHO ARE BEING WITHDRAWN.

6. THERE HAS BEEN A CONSIDERABLE RESPONSE TO THE CALL FOR ARMY RESERVISTS THROUGHOUT THE NORTH, WHILE SOME THIRTY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN RECALLED FROM COURSES OVERSEAS. THESE REINFORCEMENTS WILL BE OF VALUE, IN THAT MANY FEDERAL UNITS ARE WELL UNDERSTRENGTH, BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT VIABLE NEW UNITS CAN BE FORMED QUICKLY FROM THESE MEN.

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7. THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS IN LAGOS DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS THAT A NUMBER OF NEW UNITS HAVE BEEN RAISED IN THE NORTH IN THE GUISE OF NATIVE AUTHORITY POLICE. WE WOULD EXPECT TO HAVE IDENTIFIED THESE UNITS IF THEY HAD EXISTED FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME. WE KNOW THAT THE NATIVE AUTHORITY POLICE (THE NORTHERN LOCAL CONSTABULARY, AS DISTINCT FROM THE FEDERAL POLICE FORCE) HAVE BEEN ARMED IN RECENT MONTHS, BUT WE HAVE NO PREVIOUS EVIDENCE THAT THEY ARE IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE ARMY. WE ALSO KNOW THAT A RECENT SHIPMENT OF 5,000 SMALL ARMS, AND ALSO A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF AMERICAN WIRELESS SETS THAT ARRIVED DURING APRIL, WERE SENT TO THE NORTH.

CONCLUSIONS

3. WE CONCLUDE THAT:

(A) ALTHOUGH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARE MOST UNLIKELY TO BE ABLE TO MOUNT AND SUSTAIN A PROPERLY CO-ORDINATED MILITARY INVASION OF THE EAST THE POSSIBILITY HAS GREATLY INCREASED THAT MILITARY ACTION OF SOME KIND WILL BE ORDERED;

(B) EVEN IF NO FORMAL INVASION IS ORDERED, THERE REMAINS THE DANGER THAT NORTHERN TROOPS WILL LAUNCH FORAYS INTO THE EAST WHICH WOULD SET OFF WIDESPREAD FIGHTING;

(C) ALTHOUGH NOT DISCUSSED IN THIS ASSESSMENT, THE DANGER OF

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OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE IN THE WESTERN REGION DUE TO THE ANTAGONISM BETWEEN WESTERNERS AND NORTHERNERS, REMAINS;

(D) THE NEXT FEW DAYS ARE EXTREMELY CRITICAL, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE START OF THE RAINY SEASON, WHICH WOULD SERIOUSLY HAMPER MILITARY OPERATIONS IS IMMINENT. UNQUOTE MATHEWS

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1. JUNE SECOND ISSUE OF NEW NIGERIAN FRONT PAGE HEADLINE
BLARES FORTH THAT IN AN ALLEGED MESSAGE TO THE HEAD OF THE
FMG QUOTE OJUKWU BGS UNQUOTE GOWON NOT TO ALLOW CATHOLICS
IN EAST TO BE KILLED IN ANY EVENTUAL CLASH. ARTICLE ALLEGES
THAT THIS STATEMENT INDICATES REBEL REGIME OF OJUKWU'S MAY
SOON COLLAPSE, AND THAT OJUKWU'S ALLEGED APPEAL DUE TO
MOUNTING PRESSURE ON HIM BY CATHOLIC LEADERS IN EAST.

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2. SAME ARTICLE ALLEGES THAT LARGE SECTION EASTERN ARMY
AND POLICE INDICATE THEY WILL NOT SUPPORT EAST IN ARMED
CLASH AND THAT LTC NJOKWU OF EASTERN ARMY HAD RESIGNED IN
PROTEST AGAINST OJUKWU'S DEFIANCE OF FMG.

3. ARTICLE THEN QUOTES B.B.C. ANNOUNCEMENT ALLEGING THAT
CHIEF PAIRICK OKEKE, EASTERN COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, HAD
BEEN SHOT BY EASTER GOVERNMENT FOR NOT COOPERATING (FBIS
MONITORED ENUGU BROADCAST WHICH LISTED OKEKE AMONG THOSE
TAKING OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO BIAFRA REGIME). ARTICLE ENDS
BY ALLEGING THAT MAJOR NZEOGWU, 1966 COUP LEADER, HAD BEEN
PLACED UNDER STRICT HOUSE ARREST.

4. IN SEPARATE FRONT PAGE ARTICLE NEW NIGERIAN REPORTS
THAT MORE THAN TWO MILLION TRADE UNIONISTS IN NORTH HAVE
PLEGGED THEIR SUPPORT TO FMG IN STATEMENT ISSUED BY

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NORTHERN BRANCH OF UNITED LABOR CONGRESS. UNION STATE-
MENT CONGRATULATES GOWON ON CREATION OF STATES AND THAT
FMG ACTION TO CRUSH OJUKWU REGIME HAS SUPPORT OF NINETY-NINE
PERCENT OF WELL-MEANING NIGERIANS. (COMMENT: THERE ARE

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NOT ANYWHERE NEAR TWO MILLION TRADE UNIONISTS IN NORTH.)

5. ALSO ON FRONT PAGE IS NON-ATTRIBUTED POSTER STATING
"DON'T PANIC...THE ARMY WILL PROTECT YOU" AND SHOWING THREE
SOLDIERS IN READY STANCE WITH WEAPONS.
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1. IN CONVERSATION THIS AFTERNOON AMBASSADOR COMMENTED TO PERMSE STAFF OGBU THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT SOME AFRICAN DIPLOMATS IN LAGOS WERE PROMOTING IDEA OF OAU MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING VTO CONSIDER NIGERIAN SITUATION. SOME OF THESE DIPLOMATS BELIEVED COUNCIL WOULD INEVITABLY CONDEMN EASTERN SECESSION. AMBASSADOR ASKED WHETHER FMG HAD CONSIDERED THIS IDEA.

2. OGBU RESPONDED THAT MATTER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITHIN FMG BUT CONCLUSION WAS THAT PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING RULED THIS COURSE OUT. OGBU CITED REQUIREMENTS THAT ONE MONTH NOTICE BE GIVEN FOR THE MEETING AND THAT TWO THIRDS OF MEMBERS JOIN IN REQUESTING MEETING. FIRST REQUIREMENT WOULD PUT MEETING TOO FAR IN FUTURE TO BE USEFUL AND SECOND REQUIREMENT HAD PROVED DIFFICULT IN PAST.

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1. AMB CALLED GOWON 2000 HOURS LOCAL TO PRESS FOR REVERSAL FMG
DECISION FORBIDDING CHARTER AIRCRAFT FLY PORT HARCOURT
TO EVACUATE US DEPENDENTS ASSEMBLED THERE FOR EVACUATION
AND TO SEEK PERMISSION AFRICAN LIGHTNING TO PROCEED DIRECTLY
PORT HARCOURT WITHOUT REQUIREMENT INSPECTION FIRST IN LAGOS.

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2. GOWON SEEMED SYMPATHETIC AND SAID HE WOULD CALL AMB IN
MORNING. AFRICAN RAINBOW WILL CONTINUE UNLOADING AND WILL
BE READY ON MONDAY IF REQUIRED.

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REPORT FROM BRITISH EMBASSY PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE
ON FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARD NIGERIA.

2. "WE DISCUSSED THE NIGERIAN SITUATION WITH THE
QUAI D'ORSAY ON JUNE 1. THE FOLLOWING POINTS
EMERGED:

"A THE QUAI D'ORSAY THINK THAT THE EAST MAY
SUCCEED IN ESTABLISHING INDEPENDENT STATUS PROVIDED
IT CAN MAINTAIN THE SECESSION OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
(THEY ADMIT, HOWEVER, THAT THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN
LAGOS INCLINES TO THE OPPOSITE VIEW AND IS
DRAWING A PARALLEL WITH THE KATANGA SECESSION
OF 1960.)

"B THEY BELIEVE THE SITUATION IN THE EASTERN

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REGION TO BE GENERALLY CALM, BUT ARE ALARMED AT AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT RECEIVED ON MAY 31 TO THE EFFECT THAT THE OIL TERMINAL HAS BEEN CLOSED. THEY WONDER WHETHER THIS IS A MOVE BY COLONEL OJUKWU TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON GOVERNMENTS THROUGH THE OIL COMPANIES TO SECURE DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION AND ALSO TO ENCOURAGE THE DIVERSION TO ENUGU OF OIL ROYALTIES HITHERTO PAID INTO A FEDERAL ACCOUNT IN LONDON.

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"C REPORTS FROM THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN YACOUNDE AND NIAMEY INDICATE THAT THE CAMEROUN AND NIGER GOVERNMENTS ARE CONTINUING TO MAINTAIN A PRUDENT AND DETACHED ATTITUDE.

"D THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE EASTERN REGION IS ONE OF QUOTE WAIT AND SEE UNQUOTE. AN IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR THE QUAD D'ORSAY WILL BE HMG'S OWN POSITION."

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1. WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT LOUCHHEIM RETURNED FROM

ENUGU YESTERDAY, TALKED WITH EMBOFF THIS MORNING (JUNE 2).
SAID ONITSHA BRIDGE OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC AT 0800Z JUNE 1.
(FYI: ACCORDING REPORT FROM ASABA 1100Z TODAY, BRIDGE
CLOSED ON ASABA SIDE BY ARMY CONTINENT. END FYI.)
LUCHHEIM DESCRIBED DEPLOYMENT OF EASTERN TROOPS ON ONITSHA
SIDE OF BRIDGE. TROOPS ENTRENCHED, MACHINE GUNS EMPLACED
AT END OF BRIDGE AND IN SIMI-CIRCLE FURTHER BACK ALONG HIGH
GROUND WITH ARC EMBRACING BOTH ENDS OF BRIDGE. HE SAID
DEFENSIVE POSITIONS HAVE EXCELLENT FIELD OF FIRE ON BRIDGE.
EASTERN ARMY ALSO PREPARING ALL-BACK POSITIONS BEHIND
SEMI-CIRCLE.

2. BRIDGE BLOCKED BY LARGE ROAD BUILDING MACHINES; OPEN
PARTLY DURING DAY TO PERMIT TRAFFIC FLOW BOTH WAYS, CLOSED
AT NIGHT. HE SAW THIRTY CASES DYNAMITE NEAR BRIDGE AND
WATCHED SOLDIERS DETONATE SMALL CHARGE OF DYNAMITE NEAR ROAD
IN WHAT APPEARED BE PRACTICE EXERCISE.

3. ON ASABA SIDE OF BRIDGE THERE ONLY FOUR "TIRED LOOKING"

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ARMED SOLDIERS WHO ASSISTED BY POLICEMEN. THEY WERE MAKING NO EFFORT TO RESTRICT ENTRY OR EXIT OF CURRENCY, ASKED NO QUESTION ABOUT CURRENCY, WERE PERMITTING CARGO TRUCKS

ACROSS BRIDGE. LOUCHHEIM SAW NO PERSONS PROHIBITED FROM USING BRIDGE, ALTHOUGH ALL VEHICLES WERE SEARCHED. (BUT REPORT AT NOON JUNE 2 FROM EXPAT WORKING NEAR BRIDGE SAID ARMY HAD SET UP ROAD BLOCK ON ASABA SIDE STOPPING ALL VEHICLES FROM CROSSING BRIDGE.)

4. LOUCHHEIM PROVIDED MORE DETAILS OF HIS MAY 31 INTERVIEW WITH OJUKWU (REFTEL). OJUKWU BELIEVES NORTH DEFINITELY WANTS TO TAKE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST EAST, BUT WEST AND MID-WEST BASICALLY OPPOSED. HE EXPECTS ATTACK BY FEDERAL ARMY, WHICH IN FACT LARGELY NORTHERN, WITHOUT ANY REAL SUPPORT FROM WEST OR MID-WEST.

5. OJUKWU DOES NOT BELIEVE GOWON HAS NAVAL FORCES CAPABLE OF ENFORCING PHYSICAL BLOCKADE, ALTHOUGH IT LIKELY NO FOREIGN SHIPS WILL RUN BLOCKADE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

6. OJUKWU DENIED HAVING MERCENARIES. SAID THAT, BECAUSE OF NUMBER OF OFFERS HE HAD HAD, HE SURPRISED HOW MANY PERSONS SEEM TO WANT TO BE MERCENARIES. OJUKWU WAS NOT ASKED ABOUT FRENCH PILOTS OF ALLOUTTE HELICOPTERS, BUT ONE OF THESE PILOTS, OR FRENCH PILOT NOT ASSOCIATED WITH HELICOPTER OPERATION, IS CHECKING OUT NIGERIAN PILOTS ON

DC-3 AND FOKKER F-27 WHICH SEIZED BY EAST IN APRIL.

7. OJUKWU ASSERTED THERE NO REAL CHANCE FOR SUCCESSFUL GUERRILLA OPERATION IN RIVERS-CALABAR AREA. SAID IT WOULD TAKE HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED ORGANIZATION TO INITIATE AND CARRY OUT SUCH OPERATION. HE ADDED THAT DIFFICULTY FEDERAL POLICE SUPPOSED TO HAVE HAD IN CAPTURING ISSAC BORO AND HIS GANG IN RIVERS AREA WAS VASTLY OVERRATED.

8. OJUKWU DESCRIBED GOWON AS "PUPPET OF IMPERIALISTS". SAID

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GOWON BEING PROPPED UP, BUT DID NOT COMMENT WHEN ASKED BY WHOM. NEVERTHELESS, PAST POLICIES AND ACTIONS OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS UNIMPORTANT TO OJUKWU, WHO SAID WHAT COUNTS NOW IS HOW FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TREAT BIAFRA IN FUTURE.

9. OJUKWU COMMENTED THAT SECESSION OF BIAFRA NEED NOT START PRECEDENT, OR SERVE AS CATALYST FOR BREAK-UP ANY OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRY, BUT IT MIGHT SERVE AS EXAMPLE OR AS WARNING. HE EXPLAINED IF OTHER STATES ARE ARTIFICIAL CREATIONS AND THEIR STRUCTURE GENERATES COMMUNAL FRICTIONS AND STULTIFIES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PERHAPS THERE IS LESSON TO BE LEARNED FROM NIGERIAN EXPERIENCE.

10. BIAFRA MILITARY GOVT, OJUKWU SAID, WILL BEGIN PHASED

TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN GOVT. TIMING WILL DEPEND ON SECURITY SITUATION, BUT ONCE UNDERWAY PROCESS WILL TAKE "NO LONGER THAN EIGHTEEN MONTHS." MATHEWS
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1. PRESIDENT NYERERE DELIVERED A STATEMENT JUNE 1 TO THE TANU NATIONAL EXECUTIVE CONFIRMING AND AMPLIFYING THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENTS POSITION THAT IT REGRETS THE BREAKUP OF NIGERIA. NYERERE PLEADED FOR UNITY WITHOUT WAR, YET EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR EASTS FLIGHT.

2. NYERERE SAID TANZANIA HOPED NIGERIANS COULD AGREE TO REMAIN UNITED, SINCE A FRAGMENTED AFRICA CANNOT DO AS MUCH FOR THE AFRICAN PEOPLE. TANZANIA BELIEVED UNITY COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED THROUGH CONQUEST AND COERCION, AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD CIVIL WAR BE ENCOURAGED IN NIGERIA.

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3. NYERERE MAINTAINED THE NIGERIAN SITUATION WAS NOT ANALOGOUS TO THE KATANGA CRISIS, AFRICAN TRIBAL PROBLEMS, OR THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR. HE SAID IT WAS A " CASE OF THE EASTERN NIGERIANS PLEADING WITH THE REST AND PARTICULARLY WITH THE NORTH TO ACCEPT THEM AS FELLOW NIGERIANS WITH SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS THROUGHOUT NIGERIA." NYERERE CLOSED BY REPEATING HIS PLEA FOR UNITY IN EACE, POINTING OUT THAT SYRIA BROKE AWAY FROM THE U.A. R. WITHOUT WAR, BUT TODAY STANDS WITH EGYPT " READY TO DEFEND EACH OTHER. EVENTUALLY TRU UNITY CAN ONLY BE BUILT ON THE SAME SUCH SPIRIT."

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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL NIGERIAN REFUGEE PROBLEMS

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1. UNHCR HAS NOT FORMED ESTIMATE OF POTENTIAL NIGERIAN REFUGEE PROBLEM. THERE HAVE BEEN NO INTIMATIONS OF POSSIBLE REQUESTS FOR UNHCR INVOLVEMENT, AND NO CONTINGENCY PLANNING HAS BEEN INITIATED.

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2. UNHCR DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS THOMAS JAMIESON OBSERVES THE MOVEMENT OF IBOS INTO EASTERN REGION PRIOR TO SECESSION WAS WITHIN NIGERIA AND THEREFORE THESE REFUGEES DO NOT FALL WITH UNHCR MANDATE. POST-SECESSION MOVEMENT OF RESIDUAL IBOS INTO BIAFRA WOULD BE A "GOING HOME" AND THOSE MOVING WOULD NOT IN UNHCR VIEW BE "REFUGEES". SIMILARLY NON-IBOS MOVING FROM BIAFRA TO NIGERIA WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE REGARDED

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BY UNHCR AS REFUGEES. THUS MOVEMENT TO CAMEROONS APPEARS ONLY ONE WHICH MIGHT COME UNDER UNHCR MANDATE. UNHCR HAS NO INDICATIONS SUCH MOVEMENT TAKING PLACE AND IS NOT NOW ASSUMING IT WILL OR THAT HIS OFFICE WILL BE ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE.

3. MISSION WILL ADVISE ANY CHANGE OR DEVELOPMENT OF UNHCR VIEWS.

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Will appreciate Mission inquiry to UNHCR for his estimate of potential Nigerian refugee problems as result of secession by Eastern Region and any HCR contingency planning.

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STATE 206365

Department spokesman made following statements on Nigeria at noon press briefing June 1 (unessential words omitted):

QUOTE Q. Do you have any further information about evacuation of Americans in Nigeria?

A. In cooperation with local American communities, our Embassy is arranging for dependents to leave Eastern and Mid-Western regions and area South of Benue River in Northern region of Nigeria. Our Embassy has been authorized to embark on this program and is informing dependents of American citizens it is advisable to leave this area. We are watching developments closely there, especially with view to welfare of American citizens.

Q. How many?

A. This could involve approximately 700 persons.

Q. Could you go over those geographical areas once again?

A. This all is on periphery of Eastern region, which announced

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[its decision of several days ago.]

Q. Bob, Consulate remains in Enugu?

A. Consulate remains.

Q. Has it any contact with Government of Eastern region?

A. I can't confirm specifically whether, since announced decision of Eastern region, our Consular officials have had contact with officials of region.

Q. Did they ask for recognition?

A. We are mainly at this point concerned about welfare of Americans.

Q. Did they ask for recognition Eastern region as an independent state?

A. Our Embassy in Lagos has already said publicly we have not extended recognition. I have nothing further to say about this at this point.

Q. Did they ask?

A. I cannot confirm that they did ask.

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1. Following is substance of Q and A on Nigeria at noon briefing by Dept. spokesman, May 31:

QTE Q. Do you have any comment on recent developments in Nigeria?

A. No comment of any substance. I do, however, have some information that you may find of use.

Eastern Nigeria has declared independence, and designated itself as the Republic of Biafra.

Our information is federal government has declared this action act of rebellion, ordered general mobilization, closed ports in Eastern Nigeria, and taken other economic measures against East.

Q. The US has no position in this development?

A. We wouldn't be in a position to substantively comment.

I might note that there was a story I saw just a little while ago -- that Americans were being evacuated. I could not confirm that such a decision has been made, nor, indeed, that the Dept. has so instructed the Ambassador.

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Q. Are any American officials in the Eastern part?

A. Yes. We have a consulate at Enugu, the capital of Eastern Nigeria.

Q. Are there any other Americans ?

A. Total Americans in the East, 1909; 44 US Government personnel; additionally, 243 Peace Corps, and other Americans, 1622.

Q. Who are these 1622 Americans?

A. There are some permanent residents; businessmen, always some tourists, and dependents thereof -- dependents of businessmen and missionaries. UNQTE

2. After giving facts on past and present aid and size of American investment, spokesman answered question on effect of secession on American aid programs with: QTE I haven't heard any discussion of these developments, as yet, having any effect on American aid programs. UNQTE

3. Asked whether USG had sent instructions to Consulate at Enugu on how to deal with new government, spokesman said QTE no UNQTE.

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TALKS WHICH FREDERICKS AND EMPOFF HAD TODAY WITH SIR
MORRICE JAMES AND ERIC NORRIS OF CO ELICITED FOLLOWING
INFORMATION ON NIGERIA.

1. RECOGNITION. GOWON SENT PERSONAL MESSAGE TO WILSON
ASKING HMG NOT TO RECOGNIZE BIAFRA. HMG IN NO HURRY TO
RECOGNIZE, BUT WILL WAIT AND SEE WHAT OTHER AFRICAN
COUNTRIES DO.

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2. AT SAME TIME, HMG MUST MAINTAIN POST IN ENUGU TO LOOK
AFTER UK INTERESTS AND CITIZENS IN EAST. HMG HAS ALREADY
TOLD FMG OF ITS NEED TO MAINTAIN WORKING RELATIONS WITH
EAST. THIS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN VIEW OGBU'S STATEMENT
THAT FMG NO LONGER ABLE TO GUARANTEE PROTECTION OF UK
NATIONALS IN EAST.

3. DEPUTY HICOM PARKER WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO TELL
OJUKWU THAT HMG DESIRES TO MAINTAIN WORKING RELATIONS
WITH ENUGU ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. PARKER WILL
MAKE IT CLEAR THAT OJUKWU CANNOT EXPECT EARLY DECISION
ON RECOGNITION; THAT IT NECESSARY FIRST TO GET COUNTRY
FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AMONG AFRICAN STATES.

4. NORRIS THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT OJUKWU WOULD USE
OCCASION TO RAISE QUESTION AGAIN OF ESTABLISHING AGENT
GENERAL'S OFFICE IN LONDON. IF THIS ONLY WAY TO KEEP UK
OFFICE IN ENUGU, HMG WOULD PROBABLY BE AGREEABLE TO SUCH

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5. FMG ANTICIPATES ESTABLISHING "REASONABLY HEALTHY" RELATIONS WITH NEW STATE OF BIAFRA.

6. FMG INTENTIONS. IN CALL ON MIN STATE THOMAS YESTERDAY NIGERIAN HICOM OGUNDIPE GAVE PARTY LINE ON GOWON'S DECISION TO USE FORCE AGAINST EAST. ACTION FULLY JUSTIFIED. SINCE WEST FIRMLY BEHIND GOWON, ALL AVAILABLE FMG FORCES COULD BE USED, AND REBELLION WOULD BE QUELLED IN 24 HOURS. OGUNDIPE STATED TROOPS WERE ALREADY ON MOVE.

7. IN SUBSEQUENT BRIEF UNOFFICIAL TALK WITH NORRIS, OGUNDIPE WAS NOT NEARLY SO OPTIMISTIC. ACCORDING NORRIS, NIGERIAN HICOM SCATHINGLY DENOUNCED GOWON'S LACK OF APPRECIATION OF ALL MILITARY ASPECTS OF SITUATION.

8. OGUNDIPE ALSO SAID GOWON WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH NEGATIVE REACTION OF UK HICOM AND US AMBASSADOR RE REQUEST FOR

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SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT (LAGOS 9607). INDICATED REQUEST MIGHT BE RENEWED. MIN STATE ATTEMPTED TO DISCOURAGE ANY FURTHER REQUEST ALONG THESE LINES.

9. NOTING THAT UN WENT TO CONGO'S ASSISTANCE TO PUT DOWN KATANGAN REVELLION, FMG FELT JUSTIFIED IN EXPECTING TO GET HELP FROM FRIENDS IN SIMILAR-TYPE SITUATION. OGUNDIPE ADDED THAT USSR HAD OFFERED TO PROVIDE THIS ASSISTANCE, BUT GOWON DID NOT WANT TO GET TANGLED UP WITH RUSSIANS. (NOTE: CO OFFICIALS DOUBTED VERACITY OF LAST STATEMENT.)

10. MORRICE JAMES REMARKED THAT BRITISH HAD NO INTENTION TO GET INVOLVED MILITARILY. THIS WOULD BE LONG AND DAMAGING COURSE WITH UNFAVORABLE REPERCUSSIONS AROUND WORLD. IN FACT, BRITISH SAW NO USEFUL INITIATIVE WHICH THEY COULD TAKE AT PRESENT TIME. KAISER
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RE LUMOS 96311

1. OK PARA ONE BRAVO.
 2. RE PARA ONE ALPHA, OJUKWU SAID HE WOULD APPROVE IF WE INSIST BUT REGARDS THIS AS BAD MOVE WHICH WILL BE GREATLY MISUNDERSTOOD, WITH IMPLICATION POSSIBLE PUBLIC REACTION.
 3. OJUKWU "NOT KEEN ON RAINBOW" (US-FLAG SHIP), UNWILLING SAY YES OR NO BUT SAID IF REAL DANGER PRESENT RPT PRESENT HE WOULD GIVE FULL SUPPORT MOVEMENT ALL CONCERNED.
 4. WE CONCERNED ABOUT NOTIFYING ALL CATYBORIES MENTIONED PARA FOUR IF SUFFICIENT CAPACITY CANNOT BE ASSURED. IF ALL RESPOND WOULD SUFFICIENT SPACE BE AVAILABLE? BARNARD.
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1. FOLLOWING RECEIVED BY RADIO FROM ENUGU 1330Z JUNE 1 AFTER BARNARD TALKED WITH OJUKWU. IT ANSWERS LAGOS 9694:

A) RE PARA 1 B, PERMISSION GRANTED.

B) RE PARA 1 A, OJUKWU WILL APPROVE IF WE INSIST. BUT REGARDS AS BAD MOVE WHICH WILL BE GREATLY MISUNDERSTOOD. IMPLICATION POSSIBLE PUBLIC REACTION.

C) OJUKWU NOT KEEN ON AFRICAN RAINBOW EVACUATING DEPENDENTS FROM PORT HARCOURT. UNWILLING SAY YES OR NO, BUT SAID IF REAL DANGER PRESENT WOULD GIVE FULL SUPPORT MOVEMENT ALL CONCERNED.

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D) BARNARD WAS CONCERNED ABOUT NOTIFYING ALL CATEGORIES OF DEPENDENTS. HE ASKED IF SUFFICIENT SPACE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL.

2. EMBASSY REPLIED RE 1 A OF 9694 THAT, PENDING REPLY OUR FLASH MESSAGE TO DEPT (LAGOS 9723), WE WILL INSIST. RE POINT D OF ENUGU 'S MESSAGE, EMBASSY REPLIED SPACE WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

3. BARNARD WILL TRANSMIT BY CABLE SUBSTANCE OF RADIO MESSAGE PARA 1 ABOVE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

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EVACUATION BEGINNING NOW APPLIES TO DEPENDENTS. TEXT
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NOON BRIEFING WASHINGTON TODAY FOLLOWS:

3. "WE ARE WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY WITH WELFARE
OF OUR CITIZENS IN MIND. SINCE SITUATION IN CERTAIN
AREAS OF NIGERIA IS TENSE, OUR EMBASSY IS INFORMING
DEPENDENTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS THAT IT ADVISABLE THEY
LEAVE THESE AREAS. IN COOPERATION WITH LOCAL AMERICAN
COMMUNITIES OUR EMBASSY ARRANGING FOR DEPENDENTS TO LEAVE
EASTERN AND MID-WESTERN REGIONS AND AREA SOUTH OF BENUE
RIVER IN NORTHERN REGIONA OF NIGERIA".

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MID-WEST CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE TOLD EMBASSY LOCAL
EMPLOYEE YESTERDAY (MAY 31) THAT COMMITTEE DECIDED
MID-WEST SHOULD SUPPORT FMG. THIS DECISION WAS COM-
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FMG ANNOUNCED 0800Z TODAY (JUNE 1) THAT NIGERIA BRIDGE
AT ONITSHA HAS BEEN CLOSED " TO ALL VEHICULAR AND
PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC" BY FMG ORDER.

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1. OJUKWU GAVE INTERVIEW IN ENUGU YESTERDAY (MAY 31) TO DONALD LOUCHHEIM, WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT.

LOUCHHEIM DESCRIBED OJUKWU AS VERY RELAXED, THOUGH SOMBER AND THOUGHTFUL. OJUKWU CATEGORICALLY REJECTED ANY COMPARISON BIAFRA WITH KATANGA; SAID THAT, UNLIKE KATANGA, EASTERN NIGERIA DID NOT WANT TO SECEDE BUT WAS FORCED TO. HE ASSERTED HE NOT RPT NOT PUPPET LIKE TSHOMBE.

2. OJUKWU STATED AIM OF EAST IS TO HAVE A GOVT THAT WILL STEER CLEAR OF COLD WAR ISSUES AND CONCENTRATE ON AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND REDUCING UNEMPLOYMENT. SAID PRIVATE ENTERPRISE WILL BE ENCOURAGED AND HIS GOVT HAS NO INTENTION INTERFERING WITH INVESTMENT AND MEANS OF PRODUCTION.

3. HE TOLD LOUCHHEIM HE BELIEVES KEY TO WHETHER THERE WILL BE PROLONGED AND DISASTROUS WAR WILL BE MAJOR WESTERN GOVERNMENTS' ATTITUDE TOWARD FMG USE OF FORCE AND TOWARD RECOGNITION OF BIAFRA. SAID HE DOES NOT BELIEVE GOWON WILL BE ABLE MOUNT COORDINATED CAMPAIGN UNLESS HE HAS BACKING OF FMG AND USG. ON OTHER HAND, HE FEELS HE WILL BE HOME FREE IF UK AND US RECOGNIZE BIAFRA.

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4. OJUKWU SAID EASTERN ARMY IS DUG IN ON NORTHERN BORDER AND HAS TAKEN UP POSITIONS BY NIGER BRIDGE (AT ONITSHA).

5. LOUCHHEIM REPORTS THAT THERE NO VISIBLE SIGN TENSION IN ONITSHA OR ENUGU.

6. LOUCHHEIM SENT COPY ON WHICH FOREGOING BASED TO REUTERS REP LAGOS BY CAR FROM ENUGU THIS MORNING BEFORE ONITSHA BRIDGE CLOSED. REUTERS PASSED SUBSTANCE TO EMOFF WHO, HOWEVER, DID NOT SEE TEXT OF LOUCHHEIM'S COPY.

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1. HUNT, DEP HICOM LARMOUR, OLSON AND I DID DISCUSS SITUATION US-UK NATIONALS LATE YESTERDAY AFTER MEETING WITH GOWON, AND OLSON HAD FURTHER TALK WITH HUNT AND LARMOUR THIS NOON. I SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF EVACUATING US-UK NATIONALS FROM ALL OF NIGERIA BUT DREW NEGATIVE REACTION FROM BRITISH.
2. BRITISH WERE DISTURBED TO LEARN FROM OLSON THIS NOON THAT WE HAD SET IN MOTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR AIRLIFT OF

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DEPENDENTS OF EMPLOYEES AMERICAN FIRMS IN PORT HARCOURT. LARMOUR EXPRESSED VIEW THAT BRITISH PREFERRED STAND FAST IN HOPE EVACUATION COULD BE AVOIDED. IF REAL EMERGENCY CAME, OLSON GAINED IMPRESSION BRITISH DEPENDING ON MILITARY AIRLIFT TO REMOVE CITIZENS.

3. UK HICOM SENT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO C.O. EARLY HOURS OF TODAY:

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BEGIN QTE: FROM MY MEETING THIS AFTERNOON WITH GOWON AND CONTACTS BETWEEN MY D.A. AND SENIOR ARMY OFFICERS WE ARE LEFT WITH DEFINITE IMPRESSION THAT F.M.G. ARE PLANNING TO TAKE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST THE EAST PROBABLY FROM THE NORTH AIMED EITHER DIRECT AT ENUGU OR THROUGH OGOJA. GOWON AND HIS IMMEDIATE MILITARY ADVISERS BELIEVE THEY CAN CARRY OUT A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION PUTTING THEIR TRUST IN THE SUPERIORITY OF THE NAUSA SOLDIER ALTHOUGH GOWON HAS BEEN

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TOLD BY HIS A.Q.M.G. THAT HE CANNOT SUPPORT SUCH AN OPERATION LOGISTICALLY SO FAR FROM THE MAIN BASES. IN MY VIEW A NORTHERN INCURSION WOULD BE HASTILY MOUNTED, ILL-CONCEIVED AND MORE IN THE NATURE OF A FORAY.

2. THE ATMOSPHERE OF FALSE OPTIMISM WHICH SURROUNDS GOWON AT PRESENT COULD RESULT IN SUCH AN INCURSION IN THE

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NEXT FEW DAYS PARTICULARLY AS GOWON FEARS THE IMPENDING HEAVY RAINS. UNLESS IT IS MOUNTED QUICKLY IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT IT WILL BE POSTPONED IN ORDER TO ENABLE A BUILD-UP OF FORCES AND MATERIAL.

3. IT IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE THE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS. THE FIGHTING QUALITY OF THE IBO HAS NEVER BEEN TESTED AND ALTHOUGH PATRIOTIC FERVOUR IS HIGH AN EARLY NORTHERN SUCCESS COULD DEFLATE THIS. ON THE OTHER HAND THE IBO WILL BE DEFENDING HIS HOMELAND WHICH IS LIKELY TO STIFFEN HIS RESOLVE.

4. I HAVE CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY OF SEEKING OJUKWU'S AGREEMENT TO A PEACEFUL EVACUATION OF OUR PEOPLE NOW. THIS WOULD PLAY INTO GOWON'S HANDS BY DISRUPTING LARGE PART OF EASTERN ECONOMY AND WOULD CERTAINLY BE REGARDED WITH HOSTILITY IN THE EAST AND PREJUDICE OUR LONG TERM INTEREST OF REMAINING ON GOOD TERMS WITH A SUCCESSFULLY SECEDING EAST. TO AVOID THIS AN EVACUATION NOW WOULD THEREFORE HAVE TO BE A GENERAL EXODUS FROM NIGERIA AS A WHOLE. SUCH ACTION WOULD WRECK THE ECONOMY OF ALL NIGERIA AND I DO NOT THINK THAT MANY OF OUR PEOPLE WOULD GO OR

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COULD BE PERSUADED TO GO. I HAVE THEREFORE RULED THIS OUT AND FOR THIS REASON DO NOT THINK IT LIKELY THAT OPERATION "ALLGOOD" WILL BE NEEDED.

5. IF AN ATTACK FROM THE NORTH WAS SUCCESSFUL IT COULD FLOW OVER OUR PEOPLE WHO UNDER OUR CONTINGENCY PLANS WILL BE CONCENTRATED IN KEY HOUSES KEEPING THEIR HEADS DOWN. THE SAME WOULD BE TRUE IF IT FAILED QUICKLY. IF ON THE OTHER HAND IT DEVOLVED INTO A GUERILLA TYPE OPERATION LEADING TO A GENERAL BREAKDOWN IN LAW AND ORDER OUR PEOPLE COULD BE SERIOUSLY INVOLVED.

6. I DO NOT ENVISAGE CALLING FOR 'CREDENCE' UNTIL BRITISH SUBJECTS BECOME A TARGET. THEY ARE WIDELY DISPERSED

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AND AS SOON AS BRITISH TROOPS ARRIVED IN THE EAST THEY WOULD BE IN CONSIDERABLY MORE DANGER SINCE THE EAST WOULD SEE THE VENTURE AS DESIGNED TO ENABLE THE F.M.G. FORCES TO GAIN THEIR OBJECTIVES WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD BE THE PRACTICAL RESULT.

7. IT SEEMS TO ME THEREFORE THAT WE CAN ONLY PLAN AGAINST THE WORST CIRCUMSTANCES HAVING CREDENCE FORCES REMAIN AT HIGH STATE OF READINESS FOR THE NEXT FOUR DAYS AND THAT IT WOULD BE A VERY VALUABLE ADJUNCT IF A COMMANDO CARRIER COULD

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SAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO REAMIN IN THE AREA OUT OF SIGHT.

8. THE DECISION TO IMPLEMENT CREDENCE WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO JUDGE AND COULD ONLY BE TAKEN IN THE LIGHT OF EVENTS ON THE ADVICE OF THE D.H.C. ENUGU AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE AMERICANS.

9. IF THE WORST HAPPENS OUR DIFFICULTY WILL BE COLLECTING PEOPLE FROM OUTLYING POINTS WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY A HELICOPTER TASK. THIS WAS ACCEPTED BY THE PLANNERS WHO RECENTLY VISITED US. WE UNDERSTAND THE AMERICAN PLAN ENVISAGES BRING IN HELICOPTERS IN THE C.140 AIRCRAFT TO BE USED FOR EVACUATION. GRATEFUL THEREFORE IF YOU WILL CO-ORDINATE CREDNECE PLANNING WITH THE AMERICANS WHO ARE EQUALLY INVOLVED. I THINK YOU CAN WORK ON THE BASIS OF GETTING AGREEMENT OF THE F.M.G. TO MOUNTING CREDENCE. ENDQTE

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1. GOVERNMENT - OWNED NEW NIGERIAN OF KADUNA, MAY 31, FEATURES

THREE LINE BANNER HEADLINE QUOTE GOWON TO CRUSH EAST REBELLION UNQUOTE
LEAD ARTICLE REPEATS FMG STATEMENTS OF MAY 30.
BACK PAGE HEADED QUOTE MOBILIZATION UNQUOTE WITH ARTICLE COVERING
ORDER BY NORTHERN AREA COMMAND, NIGERIAN ARMY OF IMMEDIATE MOR-
LIZATION OF ALL ABLE-BODIED RESERVISTS DISCHARGED SINCE 1939 BUT
NOT OVER 50 YEARS OF AGE.

2. NEW NIGERIAN EDITORIAL HEADED QUOTE TOMORROW WILL BE
THE JUDGE UNQUOTE.

TEXT IN FULL FOLLOWS: "THE NEWS IS BAD. IT COULD HARDLY BE
WORSE. THE INEVITABLE HAS HAPPENED. EMOTIONS HAVE
MOUNTED AND REASON LAYS TRAMPLED IN THE DUST.

THOSE WHO FOR MONTHS CHERISHED THE HOPE, ALBEIT A FADING HOPE,
AND THE IBOS HAVE HAD THEIR FAIR SHARE OF IT. YET WHEN
TRIBAL LOYALTIES ARE FANNED TO FEVER POINT, WHAT CHANCE HAS GOOD
SENSE OR RATIONAL THOUGHT? ONE CAN UNDERSTAND HOW ORDINARY PEO-
PLE CAN BE DELUDED INTO TAKING A STRICTLY TRIBALISTIC OR NATION-
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C) Enugu 769GG

JOINT STATE/AID MESSAGE

1. In view announced secession by ERG, restrictive strategy AID program per Ref B now in effect. Request Embassy/USAID confirm.

2. Intent wording para 4A ref B is to hold up obligation those TC funds committed via Project Agreement pending clarification circumstances outlined paras 1 and 2 ref B and unless otherwise agreed jointly by Embassy/USAID-Washington. For example, appears to us that additional ProAgs for Eastern Region cannot be signed until situation is clarified and reviewed here. For other regions, decision on proceeding with ProAgs would depend on Embassy/USAID review projects per para 4E, recommendations to Washington and Washington concurrence. Mission for all should list/regions ProAgs (including amounts and components) yet to be signed and reasons for recommendations.

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